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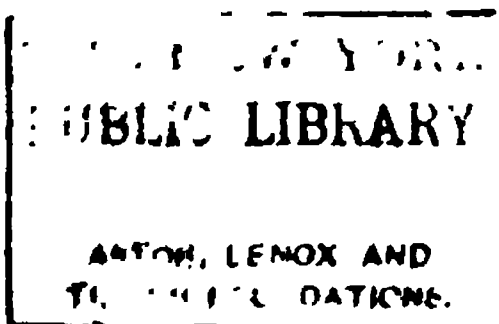
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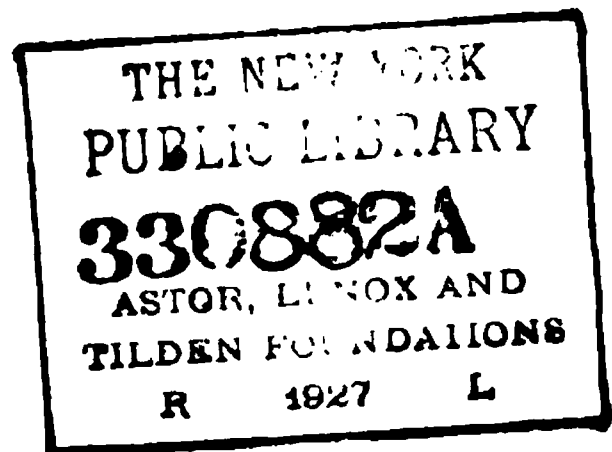
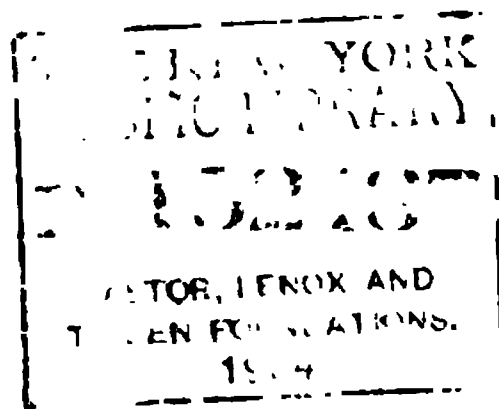
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1879	Kosaka Keinosuke	E	Fukuoka	5
1895	Matsukuma Shigeo	2 D	Kutami	3
1880	Matsumoto Sōgo	E	Kagoshima	2
1885	Nagano Chiūjo	E	Naha	8
1882	Nakayama Chiūjo	E	Hakata	1
1886	Otake Tsunenari	E	Sendai	2
1893	Sasamori Uichiro	E	Nagasaki	7
1892	Tsuda Yoshito	E	Kumamoto	3
1879	Vail, M. S.	E	Nagasaki	5
1897	Yoshioka Kosaku	1 D	Wakamatsu	3

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1898	Kaneko Ukichi	2nd Yr.	Kokura	2
1898	Kawasaki Noboru	2nd Yr.	Kurume	2
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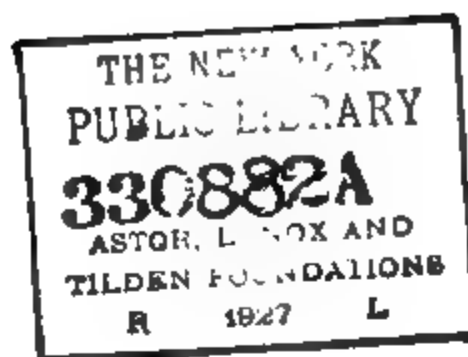
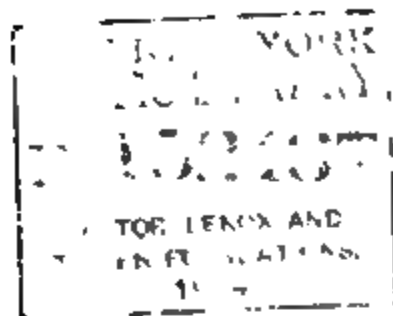
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E. R. Fulkerson.

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The English Secretary.

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CONFERENCE VISITORS TO CHINZEI GAKKWAN—

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COURSE OF STUDY—

M. S. Vail, S. Matsumoto, K. Kawase.

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES—

In English—The English Secretary.

In Japanese—Y. Tsuda.

SELF-SUPPORT—

H. B. Johnson, S. Matsumoto, C. Nakayama.

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K. Yoshioka

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K. Yoshioka

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The Conference Stewards.

TRIEERS OF APPEALS—

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CONFERENCE BOARDS

EXAMINERS—

H. B. Johnson, Chairman, M. S. Vail, Registrar, U. Sasamori, C. Nakayama, E. R. Fulkerson, S. Matsumoto.

STEWARDS—

C. Nakayama, K. Kosaka, H. B. Johnson, S. Matsumoto, M. S. Vail, the same to consider special questions referred.

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CHURCH EXTENSION—

H. B. Johnson, President, C. Nakayama, Secretary, U. Sasamori, Treasurer.

EDUCATION—

M. S. Vail, President, K. Yoshioka, Vice Pres., U. Sasamori,
Secretary, E. R. Fulkerson, Treasurer.

HOME MISSIONS—

S. Matsumoto, President, U. Sasamori, Secretary, K. Kosaka,
Treasurer.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

NUMERICAL

Members of Conference: Missionaries	4.
Japanese	10.
Conference Probationers	4.
Supplies	3.
Missionaries. W. F. M. S.	8.
Church Members	703.
Probationers	295.
Baptisms: Children	22.
Adults	71.
Sunday Schools	26.
„ Scholars	1602.

FINANCIAL

Paid for Church Building and Improvement	Yen	2050.
„ Aid Indebtedness	„	107.
„ Pastoral Support	„	669.
„ Current Expenses incl. S. Schools	„	305,
„ Benevolent Collections	„	113.
„ Other Collections	„	119.

Note. The Above are for nine months only.

JOURNAL

FIRST DAY

Thursday, April 20, 1899.

The South Japan Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met for its first session in the Deshima Church, Nagasaki, Thursday, April 20, 1899, at nine o'clock A. M., Bishop Earl Cranston presiding.

J. C. Davison, the senior missionary and the organizer of our work in South Japan, announced the 280th hymn which was sung, the sixty third and fifty third chapters of Isaiah were read by U. Sasamori and C. Nakaya respectively, and the Bishop led the Conference in prayer. The 118th hymn was then sung by the Deshima Church Choir after which the Bishop, assisted by the presiding and other elders, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. After the singing of hymn No. 232, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," which closed this most impressive service attended by the students of both our Mission Schools, the Bishop addressed the Conference, U. Sasamori interpreting.

Secretary pro tem: H. B. Johnson, the Secretary of the last united Conference, was elected *Secretary pro tem*.

Transfers: The Bishop then announced the following transfers from the Japan Conference,—

Elders:	J. C. Davison,
	E. R. Fulkerson,
	H. B. Johnson,
	Kotaro Kawase,
	Keinosuke Kosaka,

Sōgo Matsumoto,
 Chiujo Nagano,
 Chiujo Nakayama,
 Tsunenari Ōtake,
 Uichiro Sasumori,
 Yoshito Tsuda,
 M. S. Vail.

Deacon (1st): Shigeo Matsukuma,
Probationers.

Second Year: Kosaku Yoshioka,
 Torasuke Satō,

First Year: Ukichi Kaneko,
 Noboru Kawasaki.

Roll Call: The roll was then called and all answered to their names except Torasuke Satō who was reported as having left his work soon after last Conference.

Officers: The following officers were elected by acclamation,—

English Secretary,	H. B. Johnson,
Japanese Secretary,	S. Matsukuma,
Statistical Secretary,	E. R. Fulkerson,
Treasurer,	M. S. Vail,
Assistant Japanese Sec'y,	K. Yoshioka,
Assistant Statistical Sec'y,	N. Kawase,
Interpreter,	U. Sasamori.

Miss Bing was requested to act as Organist and T. Tajima as Assistant Interpreter.

Bar of the Conference: Upon motion of E. R. Fulkerson, the bar of the Conference was fixed to include the seats as far back as the stoves.

Conference Hours: The hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed at 9.15 A. M. and 12M., the session each day to be preceded by devotional exercises beginning at 8.45.

Program: E. R. Fulkerson moved the adoption of the printed program. Carried,

Statistical Session : E. R. Fulkerson moved that when we adjourn it be to meet this P. M. at 1.30 o'clock for a Statistical Session ; and J. C. Davison was appointed by the Bishop to preside.

Adjournment : In view of Bishop Cranston's family leaving to-day for Europe, the Conference voted at 11 o'clock to adjourn. Announcements were made, the doxology was sung, and H. B. Johnson pronounced the benediction.

STATISTICAL SESSION

J. C. Davison took the chair at 1.30 P. M. and requested K. Murai, a Local Preacher in regular work, to conduct the devotional exercises. After the singing of hymn No. 188, and prayer, the Secretary called the charges, and the pastors all promptly presented their reports to the Statistical Secretary and the Treasurer.

Farewell to Mrs. Cranston : Upon motion of H. B. Johnson, the Conference adjourned to assemble at three o'clock at the landing to bid good bye to Mrs. Cranston and daughters.

The doxology was sung and Y. Tsuda pronounced the benediction.

SECOND DAY

Friday, April 21, 1899.

T. Ōtake conducted the opening devotional exercises.

Journal : The Bishop took the chair at 9.15, and the Journal was read in English and in Japanese and approved.

Standing Committees : H. B. Johnson read the nominations of the Presiding Elders for the Standing Committees and they were approved. (See Committees.)

Reports Presiding Elders : H. B. Johnson, Presiding Elder of the Fukuoka District, was called, his character passed, and he read his report. Also J. C. Davison, Presiding Elder of the Nagasaki District. (see Reports).

Bishop's Address : The Bishop then addressed the Conference, expressing his regret at being delayed in his proposed visit to examine the work in the interior, and his pleasure at what he saw at various points. He also gave an extended account of his visit to the churches in the north.

Preachers Reports : J. C. Davison moved that the pastors in reporting include the number of baptisms, the amount raised for Missions, Home and Foreign, and the number of subscribers to the Gokyō. Carried.

Thirteenth Question : The following Elders were then called, their characters passed, and they reported their work,—K. Kosaka, C. Nakayama, S. Matsumoto, Y. Tsuda, K. Kawase, C. Nagano, and T. Ōtake. The character of E. R. Fulkerson, M. S. Vail, and U. Sasamori, teachers in Chinzei Seminary, was also passed.

Self-Support : H. B. Johnson presented a plan of self-support which had been adopted by the Fukuoka District Conference, and which that body recommended to the Conference. After some debate on a motion to adopt, S. Matsumoto moved that it be referred to a committee of three with instructions to report to-morrow morning. H. B. Johnson, S. Matsumoto and C. Nakayama were appointed.

Excused : K. Kosaka was excused to meet an engagement at the Ladies' School.

The Gokyō : A telegram from U. Bessho, Editor of the Gokyō, was read. Also his report of the Gokyō which was referred to the committee on Bible and Christian Literature.

Reporter : Upon motion of S. Matsumoto, K. Yoshioka was appointed to report the proceedings of the Conference for the Gokyō.

Afternoon Session : N. Kawasaki was appointed to lead the devotional services this P. M., it being understood that afterward the Conference adjourn for committee work.

Adjournment : Announcements were made, the doxology was sung and U. Sasamori pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Conference met, according to program, at 2 P. M., M. S. Vail by request of the Bishop in the chair. N. Kawasaki led the devotional exercises.

Adjournment: Upon motion of H. B. Johnson, the Conference then adjourned for committee work. The committees were called, the doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by J. C. Davison.

THIRD DAY

Saturday, April 22, 1899.

The opening devotional exercises were conducted by U. Kaneko. Bishop Cranston took the chair at 9.15 and called the Conference to order.

Journal: The Journal in English and in Japanese was read and approved.

Introduction: U. Bessho, Editor of the Gokyō, was introduced and briefly addressed the Conference.

Board of Stewards: K. Kosaka moved the appointment of a Conference Board of Stewards. Carried. The following were appointed,—

C. Nakayama, K. Kosaka, H. B. Johnson, S. Matsumoto, M. S. Vail.

Fifth Question: The Disciplinary Questions were taken up and Ukichi Kaneko and Noboru Kawasaki were continued on trial in the studies of the second year.

Sixth Question: Torasuke Satō was discontinued on account of having left his work. M. S. Vail presented the following which was adopted by rising vote,— *Whereas*, Torasuke Satō did not return to his work until several weeks after Conference and then almost immediately prepared to return to Tokyo, thus leaving his charge

without a pastor, and *Whereas*, he left without duly notifying his Presiding Elder and failed to reimburse his predecessor for rent advanced on account of his (Sato's) new charge, therefore *Resolved* that the Presiding Elder be instructed to write to brother Satō requesting him to return his salary and house rent for the month of September.

Twelfth Question : Kisō Murai, recommended by the Nagasaki District Conference, was duly elected to Elder's Orders as a Local Deacon.

Fourth Question : Kuro Nagai and Kiso Murai, recommended by the Nagasaki District Conference for reception on trial, were introduced. The committees on Examinations and Conference Relations reported favorably, and they were received on trial in the studies of the first year.

Seventh Question : Kosaku Toshioka, a probationer of the second year was called and addressed at length by the Bishop, the Committees on Examinations and Conference Relations reported favorably, and upon motion of his Presiding Elder he was elected to Deacon's Orders and admitted into full connection. The Bishop's address before the Conference not only covered the usual questions, but was especially adapted to conditions in the East, and will be long remembered by all who heard it.

Time Extended : During the address the time was extended to complete the necessary business before the ordinations.

Ninth Question : Shigeo Matsukuma was passed to the studies of the Fourth Year. The Examining Committee reported that he had passed satisfactorily in these studies, and that no further examination would be required next year.

Church Extension Anniversary : H. B. Johnson moved that the Church Extension Anniversary be postponed till Monday evening, the place and hour to be the same as provided in the program for this evening. Carried.

Committee on Estimates : C. Nakayama moved the appointment of the Standing Committee on Estimates as provided in the

Discipline, and the following were appointed,—C. Nakayama, S. Matsumoto, K. Kosaka, M. S. Vail, and E. R. Fulkerson.

Adjournment: E. R. Fulkerson moved that we now adjourn to meet at 2 P. M. on Monday, the school being in session hereafter in the morning. Carried. The Bishop announced that the Ordination Services would be held in the Chapel of Kwassui Jo Gakko (Ladies' Seminary) at 3 P. M. Sunday, to be preceded by the Conference Love Feast and followed by a service in English. The doxology was sung and S. Matsumoto pronounced the benediction, the session closing at 12. 30 P. M.

FOURTH DAY

Monday, April 24, 1899.

C. Nagano conducted the opening devotional services, Bishop Cranston called the Conference to order at 2.15 P. M. T. Tajima was called upon to act as interpreter.

Journal: The Journal was read in English and in Japanese and approved.

Certificate of Ordination: The Bishop delivered to the Secretary the following certificate of ordination,—

This certifies that on the twenty third day of April A. D. 1899, at Nagasaki, Japan, I ordained to the office of Deacon in the Methodist Episcopal Church *Kosaku Yoshioka*. And on the same day and in the same place, assisted by other elders, I ordained as an Elder in the same Church *Kiso Murai*, duly elected to this order as a Local Preacher by the South Japan Mission Conference.

Earl Cranston.

Nagasaki, Japan,
Apr. 24, 1899.

Self-Support: H. B. Johnson presented the report of the committee to which the paper on self-support had been referred. J. C. Davison moved to adopt. C. Nagano moved to take it up article by article. After full discussion and slight amendment the plan as a whole was adopted. (See Reports).

U. Bessho: U. Bessho, Editor of the Gokyo, being about to return to Tokyo, upon invitation again addressed the Conference. Upon motion of J. C. Davison, the following was adopted, by rising vote,— *Resolved* that we have had great pleasure in welcoming brother Bessho to our first Conference, and are gratified with the increased interest in and usefulness of the Gokyo. We pledge him our hearty support in his efforts to improve the paper and to increase its circulation.

Reports Adopted: The reports of the following were read in Japanese and adopted,—Statistical Secretary, Conference Treasurer, Committees on Fraternal Communications and Memorials, Bible and Christian Publications, Education, Epworth League and Sunday Schools. (See Reports).

Triers of Appeals: The following nominations for triers of appeals were approved,—K. Kosaka, S. Matsumoto, M. S. Vail, E. R. Fulkerson, C. Nakayama, Y. Tsuda, and T. Ōtake.

Adjournment: H. B. Johnson moved that we now adjourn to meet to-morrow at 2 P. M. Carried. The session closed at five P. M., the benediction being pronounced by U. Bessho.

FIFTH DAY

Tuesday, April 25, 1899.

The Conference met at 2 P. M., U. Kaneko conducting the the opening devotional exercises.

Journal: The Bishop took the chair at 2.15 and the Journal was read in English and in Japanese and approved.

Reforms : The report of the Committee on Temperance and Sabbath Observance was read in both languages and adopted. (See Report).

Thirtieth Question : Fukuoka and Nagasaki were nominated as the seat of the next Conference, the latter being chosen.

Theological Education, etc. U. Kaneko moved the appointment of a committee to consider and report next year on the two questions recommended by the Fukuoka District Conference, viz.—The encouragement of young men to enter the ministry, and the improvement of our Theological Courses. M. S. Vail moved to amend that they be referred to the Visiting Committee provided for in the Constitution of the Educational Society. The motion as amended was carried, and the pastors at Kumamoto, Fukuoka, Deshima and Nagasaki were appointed.

Educational Society : The committee appointed to nominate officers for the Educational Society reported as follows and the report was adopted.—President, M. S. Vail, Vice Pres., K. Yoshioka, Sec'y., U. Sasamori, Treas., E. R. Fulkerson.

Preachers Aid Society : A communication from the Nagasaki District Conference, concerning the organization of a Preacher's Aid Society was read, and upon motion of K. Kosaka was referred to the Board of Stewards with instructions to report next year.

Steward's Report : C. Nakayama presented the report of the Board of Stewards which was adopted, the claims on the Conference Fund being seventy two yen. Provision is also made for the signing of the draft on the Book Concern. (See Report).

Church Extension Society : The Proposed Constitution for the Church Extension Society was read, and upon motion of C. Nakayama adopted. Upon motion of M. S. Vail the Japanese Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for the officers of said society. The result was as follows.—President, H. B. Johnson, Secretary, C. Nakayama, Treasurer, U. Sasamori.

Course of Study : M. S. Vail further moved the appointment of a Committee with power to recommend to the Bishops certain

necessary changes in the books in the Courses of Study. M. S. Vail, S. Matsumoto and K. Kawase were appointed.

Introduction : Judge S. Miyakoshi, of the Nagasaki Appellate Court and a member of the Kojiyamachi Congregation, was introduced and addressed the Conference, the Bishop responding.

Tama-no-Ura : S. Anju, Editor of Chinzei Seminary Magazine (Tama-no-Ura) was introduced and spoke in the interests of the paper. Upon motion of K. Kawase, a collection was taken in aid of the Magazine.

Questions Fourteen to Twenty three were called, the answer being "none" in every case,—14, Who have been transferred? 15, Who have died? 16, Who have been located at their own request? 17, Who have been located? 18, Who have withdrawn? 19, Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? 20, Who have been expelled? 21, What other personal notation should be made? 22, Who are the supernumerary preachers? 23, Who are the superannuated preachers?

Home Missionary Society : E. R. Fulkerson reported the constitution for the Home Missionary Society which was adopted. The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for the officers of the Society, and the result was as follows,—President, S. Matsumoto, Sec'y., U. Sasamori, Treas., K. Kosaka.

District Conference Records : The report of the Committee on District Conference Records was read and adopted.

Conference Library : M. S. Vail moved the appointment of a Committee of three on Conference Library next year, and J. C. Davison, M. S. Vail and U. Sasamori were appointed.

Conference Examiners : The Bishop named the following Board of Conference Examiners,—H. B. Johnson, E. R. Fulkerson, U. Sasamori, M. S. Vail, C. Nakayama and S. Matsumoto.

Fraternal Communications : K. Kawase read in Japanese the Fraternal Communications to the Conference, the same being supplementary to the Committee's report of yesterday.

Publication of Minutes : Upon motion of M. S. Vail, the

English Secretary was appointed to publish the English Minutes, and upon the nomination of C. Nakayama, T. Tsuda was appointed to publish the Japanese Minutes.

Official Minutes: M. S. Vail moved that the printed English Minutes be the Official Minutes of this Conference. Carried.

Conference Program and Entertainment: Upon motion of C. Nakayama, the Presiding Elder of the Nagasaki District and the pastors at Nagasaki were made the Committee on Conference Program and Entertainment.

Conference Expenses: M. S. Vail moved the appointment of a committee on Conference Expenses, and K. Kawase was appointed. A collection was taken amounting to six yen.

Division of Conference Fund: Upon motion of C. Nakayama, the Secretaries and Treasurer were appointed a Committee to correspond with the Treasurer of the Japan Annual Conference in reference to the division of the Conference Fund as provided for in the report of the Board of Stewards.

Central Mission Conference: C. Nakayama moved that this Conference concur with the Japan Annual Conference in its request to the General Conference for the organization of a Central Mission Conference for Japan. Carried.

Publishing Interests: M. S. Vail moved that the Secretary, in behalf of the Conference, request the Publishing Agent to keep a stock of hymn books, tracts, etc. at Nagasaki. Carried. He also moved that the Secretary request him to send the grants of tracts for the preachers direct to the Presiding Elders in bundles ready for delivery. Carried.

Episcopal Residence: H. B. Johnson moved that this Conference concur with the Japan Annual Conference in its request to the General Conference for an Episcopal Residence in the East. Carried.

Time of Conference: He further moved that we unite in requesting the Board of Bishops to hold our Conference in March each year. Carried.

Missionary Sermon: The Bishop appointed K. Yoshioka to

preach the Missionary Sermon next year.

Preacher's Attire: T. Ōtake moved that the preachers be required to dress uniformly. H. B. Johnson moved to amend that the members of Conference, when in the pulpit or at Conference, dress in Japanese clothing including haori and hakama, or in frock coat. The motion as amended prevailed.

Adjournment: At four thirty P. M., E. R. Fulkerson moved to adjourn to meet at 2 P. M. to-morrow for the closing session. Carried. The doxology was sung and E. R. Fulkerson pronounced the benediction.

SIXTH DAY

Wednesday, April 26, 1899.

The Bishop called the Conference to order at 2. P. M. and requested S. Matsumoto to conduct the opening exercises.

Journal: The Journal was read in English and in Japanese and approved.

Committee on Missions: H. B. Johnson read, in Japanese, the report of the Committee on Missions (Redistribution) after which J. C. Davison, Mission Treasurer, made some announcements.

Complimentary Resolutions: M. S. Vail presented some complimentary resolutions which were adopted by rising vote. (See Resolutions).

Japanese Minutes: Upon motion of T. Tsuda it was decided to print fifty copies of the Japanese Minutes.

Conference Trunk: Bishop Cranston spoke of the importance of preserving Conference records, etc., and kindly offered to present to the Conference a Conference trunk in view of his being its first presiding officer which offer was thankfully received.

Closing Services: J. C. Davison moved that after the reading of the Journal, the usual Episcopal Address, and the reading of the Appointments, the Conference stand adjourned without date. Carried.

The Journal was read in English and in Japanese and approved, U. Sasamori read Ezekiel 33 : 1—20, and the Bishop delivered a most impressive address founded on the verses read. He then read the appointments and, after the singing of the doxology, pronounced the benediction. Thus closed the first session of the South Japan Mission Conference.

Earl Cranston, President.

Herbert B. Johnson, Secretary.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. Who have been Received by Transfer and from what Conferences?

The following, all from the Japan Conference,—

Elders: <i>J. C. Davison,</i>	<i>E. R. Fulkerson,</i>
<i>H. B. Johnson,</i>	<i>Kotaro Kawase,</i>
<i>Keinosuke Kosaka,</i>	<i>Sogo Matsumoto,</i>
<i>Chiujo Nagano,</i>	<i>Chiujo Nakayama,</i>
<i>Yoshito Tsuda,</i>	<i>M. S. Vail,</i>

Deacon: (1st) *Shigeo Matsukuma.*

Probationers: (2nd) *Kosaku Yoshioka,*

" *Torasuke Sato,*

(1st) *Ukichir Kaneko,*

" *Noboru Kawasaki,*

2. Who have been Readmitted? *None.*
3. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches? *None.*
4. Who have been Received on Trial?
- (a) In the Studies of the First Year.
Kuro Nagai, Kiso Murai.
- (b) In the Studies of the Third Year.— *None.*
5. Who have been Continued on Trial?
- (a) In the Studies of the First Year. *None.*
- (b) In the Studies of the Second Year.
Ukichir Kaneko, Noboru Kawasaki.
- (c) In the Studies of the Third Year.— *None.*
- (d) In the Studies of the Fourth Year.— *None.*
6. Who have been Discontinued?
- Torasuke Sato.*

7. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership ?
 - (a) Elected and Ordained Deacon this Year.
Kosaku Yoshioka.
 - (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously. *None.*
8. What Members are in the Studies of the Third Year ?
 - (a) Admitted into Full Membership this Year.
Kosaku Yoshioka
 - (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously. *None.*
9. What Members are in the Studies of the Fourth Year ?
Shigeo Matsukuma
10. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study ?
 - (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year. *None*
 - (b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously. *None.*
11. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons ?
 - (a) As Local Preachers. *None.*
 - (b) Under Missionary Rule. *None.*
12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders ?
 - (a) As Local Deacons.
Kiso Murai.
Under Missionary Rule. *None.*
13. Was the Character of Each Preacher Examined ?
This was strictly done as each preacher's name was called in open Conference
14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences ? *None.*
15. Who have Died ? *None.*
16. Who have been Located at their own Request : *None.*
17. Who have been Located ? *None.*
18. Who have Withdrawn ? *None.*
19. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints ? *None.*
20. Who have been Expelled ? *None.*
21. What other personal Notation should be made ? *Not any.*
22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers ? *None.*
23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers ? *None.*

24. Who are the Triers of Appeals ?

K. Kosaka, S. Matsumoto, M. S. Vail,
E. R. Fulkerson, C. Nakayama, Y. Tsuda,
T. Otake.

25. What is the Statistical Report for this year ? See Statistics.

26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer ?
Yen 83.83.

27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund ? *Yen 72.*

28. What has been received on these claims and how has it been applied ?

Collections, *Yen 5.40 ;*

The Balance to be paid from Book Concern Dividend when it arrives .

29. Where are the Preachers Stationed ? See *Appointments.*

30. Where Shall the next Conference be held ? *Nagasaki.*

APPOINTMENTS

FUKUOKA DISTRICT

H. B. Johnson, Presiding Elder.

Fukuoka Circuit,	. . . . .	K. Kosaka.
Hakata and Saga,	. . . . .	C. Nakayama.
		K. Yokojima (Supply)
Kokura and Moji,	. . . . .	U. Kaneko.
Kurume and Yanagawa,	. . . . .	N. Kawasaki.
Kutami Circuit,	. . . . .	S. Matsukuma.
Omuta Circuit,	. . . . .	K. Nagai.
Wakamatsu Circuit,	. . . . .	K. Yoshioka.

W. F. M. S.

Miss Leonora Seeds, Principal
 Ei-wa Jo Gakko, and Supt. Evangelistic Work.
 One Missionary to be Supplied.

NAGASAKI DISTRICT

J. C. Davison, Presiding Elder.

Kagoshima Circuit,	. . . . .	S. Matsumoto.
Kajiki Circuit,	. . . . .	K. Murai.
Kumamoto and Yatsushiro,	. . . . .	Y. Tsuda.
		Y. Narita (Supply).
		One Missionary to be Supplied.
Miyazaki,	. . . . .	To be Supplied.
Nagasaki : Deshima,	. . . . .	K. Kawase
		T. Tajima (Supply)
		S. Watanabe (Supply)
		One other Supply.

Kojiyamachi, T. Sunamoto (Supply)

Okinawa (Loo Choo), C. Nagano.

Sendai, T. Otake.

Chinzei Seminary, Nagasaki, E. R. Fulkerson, Principal,
M. S. Vail and U. Sasamori, Professors, Members of Deshima
Quarterly Conference.

W. F. M. S.

Kwassui Jo Gakko, Nagasaki, Miss Marianna Young, Principal.
Miss Mary Melton, Biblical Dept. Miss Lola Kidwell and
Miss Irene Lee, Teachers.

Evangelistic Work : Nagasaki District and Loo Choo Islands,
Miss Jennie Gheer, Supt. and Miss Lida Smith, assistant, with
residence at Kagoshima.

Miss A. V. Bing, transferred to Hakodate, Sup't. Music Depart-
ment.

CONFERENCE ANNIVERSARIES

AND

OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES.

Wednesday, Apr. 19.

7. P. M., Missionary Sermon, K. Kosaka.

Tuesday, Apr. 20,

9. A. M., Celebration of the Lord's Supper.

7. 30 P. M., Temperance Anniversary.

Chairman, C. Nakayama.

Speakers, T. Sunamoto, S. Matsumoto.

Friday, Apr. 21.

7. 30 P. M., Home Missionary Society Anniversary.

Chairman, N. Kawasaki,

Speakers, C. Nakayama, C. Nagano.

Saturday Apr. 22.

8. P. M., Reception at Kwassui Jo Gakko.

Sunday, Apr. 23.

- 9. 30 A. M., Public Baptism of Children and Adults.
- 10. „ Sermon, Bishop Cranston.
- 2. P. M., Love Feast, led by C. Nagano.
- 3. „ Ordination Services.
- 4. „ English Sermon, Bishop Cranston.
- 7. „ Sermon, U. Sasamori.

Monday, Apr. 24.

- 7. 30 P. M., Church Extension Society Anniversary,
Chairman, H. B. Johnson,
Speakers, K. Yoshioka, Y. Tsuda.

REPORTS

PRESIDING ELDERS

FUKUOKA DISTRICT

Herbert B. Johnson, Presiding Elder.

During the four years now closing, the churches within the Fukuoka District have had four different presiding elders. Our work in Kiushiu and the Liukiu Islands was first divided into two districts in 1893 when Fukuoka District was born, S. Kurimura being appointed presiding elder in addition to his duties as pastor at Fukuoka. This arrangement continued three years when he was appointed pastor at Kagoshima, in the south, and presiding elder of the newly formed Kagoshima District. The Nagasaki District was so modified that the whole of the Fukuoka District was absorbed in lieu of the territory lost in the south. This arrangement continued the next year also, I. H. Correll being succeeded, as presiding elder, by J. C. Davison.

At the last conference Bishop Cranston restored the former boundaries and placed me in charge of the resurrected Fukuoka District. In presenting my first report, I wish to acknowledge the very cordial welcome extended to myself and family as we again took up the work in Kiushiu, and also the kind providence that has been over all the workers during the year.

THE FIELD

The territory assigned me embraces the northwestern part of Kiushiu and includes the two prefectures Fukuoka and Saga. The field, though comparatively small, is specially important when viewed historically or in the light of population and industries. Of the former I shall not be able to speak in this connection.

The Fukuoka prefecture alone contains sixteen cities and towns of five thousand population and upwards, some of which are growing with wonderful rapidity. Of these Fukuoka, 58000, including Hakata across the river, is the largest. It is the capital of the prefecture and the educational center of north Kiushiu, Hakata being a railroad center, a seaport of great importance for local commerce, and noted for its industries, especially weaving. Like Kurume and Kokura, Fukuoka is a garrison city, all being daimyo seats in feudal days as were Saga and Yanagawa also.

No part of Japan is better supplied with railway and steamship facilities which

is both an illustration of the importance of the section and a great convenience in visiting the work. Coal is mined in large quantities in three extremities of the District, at Karatsu along the seacoast west of Fukuoka, at Omuta in the extreme south and on the railway to Kumamoto, and at various points along the railway having its terminus at Wakamatsu on the straits of Shimonoseki.

Industrially, *Wakamatsu* is a place of the first importance. Though a few years ago only a small village, it is soon to become a city. In addition to its being a railroad terminus where millions of tons of coal are annually transhipped, it is the commercial center of that whole coal field, and is the place chosen for the government iron and steel works now being built and which when completed will have a capacity of 120000 tons per year. The other places of most importance in the north are *Moji* and *Kokura*, the former, also soon to become a city, being the terminus of the Kiushiu railway and the most important port between Nagasaki and Kobe. It is called by the Japanese the Yokohama of Kiushiu as *Kokura* is called the Tokyo. *Kokura* has a population of 18000 and is the terminus of the branch railroad running eastward into Oita prefecture where the Southern Methodists are located. The changes in these three places in the past few years, since the railroads were completed, is something marvelous. No part of Japan is developing faster.

From Fukuoka there are two branches of the railway leading southward, one to Nagasaki and upon which *Saga*, 30000, the capital of Saga prefecture, is situated, and one leading through Kumamoto and which will be extended to Kagoshima. Upon this road are *Kurume*, 26000, like Hakata noted for its weaving, and *Omuta*, a rapidly growing coal center with other industries including coke, cotton spinning, iron works, etc.

A few miles off the railway to the right is *Yanagawa*, 8000, and on the other side near Omuta is the older town of *Miike*, once the center of the circuit covering this entire region. The three cities of Saga, Yanagawa and Kurume, in the plain about the head of Shimabara gulf, are in the midst of one of the finest farming sections in Japan, all being surrounded by numerous villages. Within the bounds of the District, there are not less than forty five railway stations and any number of populous towns as yet without railway facilities.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORK

Though not necessarily a part of this report yet in view of the many changes of boundary of several of the charges, and of this being the beginning of our separate existence as the South Japan Mission Conference, as well as to more clearly indicate the present condition, it seems fitting to note the development of the work within this territory before reviewing the work of the year.

When the Japan Annual Conference was organized in 1884, the Methodist Episcopal Church had five organized churches in three of the nine provinces of Kiushiu, but none within the bounds of this district. However, that year work was opened in Fukuoka, C. S. Long being presiding elder. Sōgo Tanigawa, who had labored at Kagoshima, was

appointed pastor and at the close of the first year the church numbered more members and adherents than any church in the island except Deshima in Nagasaki, an important factor in this success being the opening of the Girl's School that year by Miss Gheer with whom Miss Smith was soon to be associated. The following summer, brother Davison returning to Kiushiu, work was opened at Kurume through the help of a theological student, and frequent visits were made to Kokura and other points in the north. The year closed with twenty three probationers and fourteen members on the Kurume charge which included Yanagawa, visits also being made to Miike where a number of inquirers were reported.

The next quadrennium, 1888-91, saw the railroad begun, the Fukuoka church increasingly prosperous and then sorely afflicted, the Kurume charge divided—Yanagawa and Miike being set off—and the work in Kokura and Saga opened. At Fukuoka, a fine School building of the W. F. M. Society was erected, and a neat frame church building on an adjoining lot, capable of seating two hundred and fifty people. But the pastor soon withdrew under charges, scattering the flock, and his successor, K. Asuga, the first baptised Methodist in Kiushiu, a little later passed from labor to reward. As a result of his death, the Fukuoka and Kurume charges were united, the latter not having a separate existence again till 1895. About this time, Miss Taylor, who had followed Miss Smith in the school, was herself succeeded by Misses Seeds and Tucker, and brother Correll followed brother Davison as presiding elder.

The next quadrennium, 1892—5, witnessed the opening of work at Omuta, on the Yanagawa and Miike circuit, the dividing of the circuit, the formation of the Fukuoka District in 1893, the dedication of a neat frame church at Omuta, the prosperity of the Kokura circuit with the opening of work at Wakamatsu, and the first class graduated at the girl's school.

The present quadrennium has been a period of struggle but of strengthening.

Omuta church, almost immediately after the dedication of their new building suffered greatly as a result of severe affliction in the family of their pastor, brother Otake. Brother Kurimura, the presiding elder, wrote of Fukuoka "There has been a gradual increase of members but when the balance of accessions and withdrawals is made up there is no apparent increase." Brother Correll wrote of Kurume "The soil can scarcely be said to be broken, but a rich harvest is to be gathered here in the future." And brother Davison, in his report last year, said of Saga, "It is confessedly one of the hardest fields on the District and cannot really be said to have had a good chance." To add to the discouragement, the two male missionaries appointed to the field broke down and had to leave. Year before last, G. F. Shepherd, after a few month's residence in Fukuoka, was compelled to return to the home land on account of sickness pronounced incurable in Japan, and last year A. M. Brooks, after the same length of time, felt compelled to seek a transfer to Korea for similar considerations. Until the present writer came to Fukuoka with his family, these were the only representatives of the Missionary Society within the bounds of the district or in any place in Kiushiu outside of Nagasaki. So far as workers are concerned, the work reached high water mark in 1896 the appointments being as follows, Fukuoka, Kokura and Wakamatsu, Kurume, Miike, Saga,

Yanagawa. Brother Shepherd was assigned to Hakata Mission with residence at Fukuoka, but it has really never had an existence as an appointment. The following year Miike, Kurume and Yanagawa were combined, and last year another change was made, Yanagawa and Saga being united and Omuta and Kurume being placed together, the name Miike dropping out altogether. These changes were doubtless necessary, but the arrangement is exceedingly unfortunate as it is almost impossible to follow the history of a given charge.

THE WORK OF THE YEAR

The conference year at best has been a short one, only nine months having elapsed since the last conference, which must in the nature of things affect all the reports.

However, my year for work on the district has been even shorter as I was detained in Tokyō until early in December on account of being Mission Treasurer and because of stress in the College and Academy there. Further, I was under the necessity of returning in January to close up the accounts of the year. In my first absence, brother Davison, presiding elder of the Nagasaki District, kindly made a round of the district, holding my first quarterly conferences, for which I was very grateful. In this connection, I wish to express my appreciation not only of these services but of those larger ones rendered by him and others who have preceded me in laying the foundations of the work here.

Owing to the shortness of the year, I thought it best to hold the second and third quarterly conferences together. I have visited all the charges twice and some of them three times, preaching at all of the appointments, visiting the Sunday Schools, calling with the pastors on as many of the members as possible, and have had the privilege of administering the Sacrament of Baptism at four different points. This does not include baptisms at other places by the pastors themselves. I have on two or three occasions administered the Lord's Supper to the sick and to little groups of Christians otherwise deprived of this means of grace.

While the statistics will not vary much from last year, there are many things to encourage. More faithful or painstaking work has rarely been done than by the pastors of the district the past year, and their spirit has been all that could be desired. While all are in sympathy with our revival methods and some special meetings have been held, of the accessions all have come as the result of hand to hand work. The masses do not gather to hear the gospel preached as in former years, and yet at all points unbelievers are always present, and sometimes in quite large numbers especially at night. Most interesting Bible classes are carried on at several places, attended by both teachers and students of the government schools. I have been greatly encouraged in my own work of this kind at Fukuoka.

Among the most encouraging features of the work this year have been the interest taken in the support of the pastors for December, and the erection of the new church at Wakamatsu which it was my privilege to dedicate January sixth, assisted by brother Davison and several of the pastors. In this enterprising town we have a new but vigorous society which after great struggle, with comparatively little outside assistance,

has put up a neat frame church at a cost of over sixteen hundred yen. Seven hundred of this they were compelled to borrow, and to cover this until such time as they can help themselves I hope to secure a special loan at a lower rate of interest than is possible at the banks. Hard pressed with very high rents, they took advantage of the sale of the police headquarters, purchased, removed, remodeled the building, and now have a commodious church seated in Japanese style, a sight which I have long wished to see. At the same time they made provision for a comfortable parsonage as well. The Sunday following the dedication I baptised two adults and three children, and after preaching administered the Lord's Supper, a most fitting service for the first Sunday in a new church. So well has the work developed and so important are all the places constituting this appointment that the charge should be divided this year, Wakamatsu and Kokura becoming independent and if possible Moji being set off also. The most pressing need now is a new church at Kokura where buildings of any kind are very scarce and rents are very high.

The Fukuoka charge has also had a good year though there have been but seven baptisms since Conference. Several of these have been the result of the pastor's faithful work at Hakata. This has always been considered a very hard field by all denominations, none having pastors living there. The time has now come when we should place a worker there instead of having one pastor for these two sections of Fukuoka, so widely separated and differing in so many ways. Miss Smith was compelled, on account of ill health, to drop her work in school and return to Nagasaki in December, but fortunately Miss Seeds had just arrived from her furlough in the home land and was able to resume her old place. The school has increased in attendance, making up several times over for the five who graduated from the various departments at the close of the winter term. For a school town the Fukuoka appointment is ideal, the school authorities and pupils and members from the city working together most harmoniously. A most encouraging feature of this church is the large number of aged people who faithfully attend. Bishop Cranston's visit, the last of February, and sermon on Sunday were very greatly appreciated as was his visit to Kurume, and it was a cause of profound regret that circumstances prevented his visiting other points as planned.

Though there have been few baptisms at Saga and Yanagawa or at Omuta and Kurume, the work has not been without results. The Sunday Schools at both Yanagawa and Omuta have been especially prosperous. For work among women and children there is a fine field for a Bible woman at the latter place, and the fewness of these valuable workers is greatly regretted. With neither the pastor nor a Bible woman living in the place, we cannot hope to do much. Both the pastors have labored with commendable zeal, but both have been heavily handicapped in the amount of territory they have tried to cover. If we are to hope for success we must put a worker in each important center. This is the only way to do anything for the villages about and to fill up the gaps in our work. We not infrequently lose members who move to these little places where we have no work.

The District Conference which met at Omuta, March 21 and 22, was all that could be desired except in attendance. The reports were carefully prepared and promptly

presented, the papers and discussions were thoughtful and helpful, and the sermons and addresses stimulating. A more harmonious gathering I never attended anywhere. The spirit was excellent throughout. Among the more important actions were the setting apart of the noon hour for a daily concert of prayer, the adoption of a new plan of self-support, a recommendation to pastors to preach at least once a year on dedicating the best child to the service of God, a similar recommendation to schools, young peoples societies, etc, representing the ministry as an honorable calling and urging young men not to neglect the call of God, and a further recommendation to the Bishop concerning the enlargement of the district and the change of boundary of several charges. The one thing which impressed me most from first to last was the fact that the pastors were intensely interested in the success of the work. Would that we had treble the number of such workers and money enough to support them and to provide rents and traveling expenses for circuit work.

We are still working largely upon the first generation. While much has been accomplished, thanks to the faithful and efficient services of my predecessors and the pastors and other workers, yet we have only made a beginning. The time has come when we should enter more aggressively upon a campaign against the forces of darkness. The work is not pushing us as is true in some other mission fields, but we need to push the work and push it hard. Souls are dying all about us who need salvation though they may not realize it. So much is now known of Christianity through the various agencies that have been at work in this country for over a quarter of a century that the time is ripe for large ingatherings could we only put the men and the money into the field.

NAGASAKI DISTRICT

J. C. Davison, Presiding Elder

As a result of the division of the Japan Annual Conference and the organization of the South Japan Mission Conference in July last, the District boundaries of the latter were changed, reviving the former Fukuoka District and merging the territory then comprising the Kagoshima District with the remaining part of the Nagasaki District under the title of the latter name.

The work in connection with the treasurership and closing of the accounts of the Japan Mission for the year 1898, detained the newly appointed Presiding Elder of the Fukuoka District in Tokyo for several months, during which time by appointment of Bishop Cranston the writer had charge of the entire work of both districts; But as Bro. Johnson is here today to speak for his own work, this report will be confined solely to the field committed to my care.

The eight circuits comprising the District are widely scattered, entailing

extensive travel on the part of the presiding elder as well as on the part of the pastors, when coming together for Annual or District Conference work. For this reason the session of one District Conference for this year was postponed till the time of our annual gathering. Thus saving the friction and expense of an extra meeting. There seems however to be no prospect of relief from this embarrassment so long as our work is not developed in the intervening villages and towns: but for this purpose more money and additional efficient workers will be absolutely required, and additional Districts can then be organized to the advantage of our work.

Bro. T. Sato the newly appointed pastor for Yatsushiro, reached his appointment on Sept. 9, '98, but threw up his work within a week thereafter, and returned to his home in Tokyo. All the remaining pastors on the District have shown commendable zeal in the prosecution of their work and while comparatively few have been baptized during the nine months since our last annual session quite a number of probationers have been enrolled.

It has been my privilege to visit some of the churches several times—including two visits to the work in Satsuma and Okinawa and in most places the services were fairly well attended. I was gratified to find the church in Okinawa in far better condition than I had been led to suppose was the case. The pastor, Bro. Nagano, has the confidence of his members and is most abundant in labors for the cause of Christ in Loo Choo. Every night except Saturday night, being devoted to work in the *Kogisho* and preaching on the street.

His people express a strong desire to have a new church on a lot all their own. Bro. Nagano is very anxious to open work at *Nase* in the island of *Oshima* and at other points in Okinawa, but lack of funds for travel and rent is the great desideratum as in every other place on the District. The LooChooians are a people hard to reach, but the *seven* years' work of our Brother is bearing encouraging fruit. This work was begun and continued for six years, by the efforts of the Home Missionary Society of the Japan Annual Conference, but said help was withheld from July last and its support guaranteed out of the regular appropriations to the work of the South Japan Mission Conference. The cost of living is somewhat more expensive there than in Japan proper, and the climate trying upon the health of the workers. Death claimed one of the children of our brother's family during the year, but the health of all the rest, including also that of Miss Hayashida the Bible woman, has been graciously preserved. Surely these devoted toilers merit the special sympathy of the friends in their native land.

The church in Kagoshima was greatly encouraged by the coming of Bro. Matsumoto and family in August last, since which time a fresh impulse has been given to an unfortunately embarrassed condition. A good parsonage on the lot by the church is greatly needed.

Time, patience, and hard work will be required to reestablish a vigorous church in this, the largest city in southern Kyushu. Bro. Matsumoto visited Miyazaki twice during the year and strongly recommends sending a preacher there.

Bro. Murai has spent his first year at Kajiki—15 miles east of Kagoshima—where about all we had gained in former years had practically disappeared.

Kamo, one of the out stations on this charge is showing some signs of encouragement but Kokubu has had but little attention for want of funds to prosecute the work.

At *Sandai*—30 miles north of Kagoshima—Bro. Otake has closed his first year in a most difficult field, where persistent and energetic labor will be required without stint to bring a glad harvest from such a refractory soil. Bro. Otake visits Miyanajo—15 miles distant—once each month where attentive audience is given to the preaching of God's word.

Our few members at Yatsushiro were sadly distressed at being deserted by their newly appointed pastor in September last. No available supply was to be found and I was compelled to ask Bro. Tsuda, pastor of the adjoining charge to take the oversight of the work, giving at least one visit per month till the end of the Conference year now closing. Work has been taken up at Kagi, near Yatsushiro where there are a number of christian families who have been left without pastoral oversight, and some of whom now wish to unite with us, having already certain of their children as members of long standing in our church.

Bro. Tsuda at Kumamoto has had his hands more than full. The work at *Kumami*, as part of his circuit has required considerable travel and taxed his strength which is barely sufficient for the duties incident to the needs of his church in the city, to say nothing of the special monthly visits to Yatsushiro, mentioned above. Kumamoto is the largest city in Kyūshū and the center of greatest educational influence within the bounds of the entire Conference.

Our church property is sadly in need of repairs beyond the ability of the members to provide and it is proposed to make a special appeal to the Mission Board at New York for aid in putting it beyond the risk of total wreck from the first typhoon that may chance to blow. This church is the largest one in the city and the only one capable of holding the hundreds of students from the Higher College and other schools, who meet here from time to time for special lectures under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. of Kumamoto, and before whom our presiding Bishop had the pleasure of speaking in the latter part of February.

A resident Missionary is greatly desired to assist in developing our work at this point.

Bro. Matsukuma the Junior Preacher on this Circuit has been earnest in

his efforts at Kutami where he resides, as well as at several other towns some five miles distant in different directions; and thus the light of the Gospel is being disseminated throughout this populous district.

Bro. Sunamoto of the Kojiyamachi church, Nagasaki, has had an encouraging year, about a dozen adults have been baptized and a goodly number of probationers are reported. Several persons, members of other churches at a distance are regular attendants in his congregation. In this church are two Christian Chinese families who are very regular in attendance upon the Sunday morning services. The class leader Bro. U Yu Ming is very earnest and opens his house for preaching regularly on Thursday nights. He has a prosperous tailoring establishment, and takes his employees with him to church on Sundays. This is the only direct christian work done for the Chinese in this city. Bro. Sunamoto has made several visits to Saseho during the year and on one occasion I was able to be with him. Saseho is the naval headquarters for western Japan. It is a growing town and will be an increasingly important center for christian work.

Deshima church—Bro. Kawase pastor—has had the largest growth on the District. As a result of the special services following the day of prayer for colleges the membership was quickened into new life and many students gave themselves to the service of the Lord. The systematic Bible instruction in both schools, together with special help from a number of the teachers contributed to the good result. The work at Omura has been supplied by Bro. Tajima of the Chinzei seminary. Omura has a large garrison of soldiers, among whom are to be found from time to time members of various christian churches in the empire. Though there have been no baptisms at this point yet good has been done and the work should be continued. For want of money the night school at Umamachi was given up but the preaching there has been continued, as also at Fukahori and Tanonaka.

The success achieved in the Chinzei Seminary during the year has been most gratifying and certainly reflects great credit upon those responsible for the management of the school. The members of the faculty, both foreign and Japanese have unitedly labored not only for the intellectual, but also for the moral and spiritual good of the students under their care.

The present school year has just opened with upwards of *seventy* new additions to the various classes, while other applicants were denied admission through inability to pass the required examination.

The familiar presence of Miss Russell the former head of the *Kwassui Jo-Gakko*, has been missed during the year, but in her place has come a worthy successor, Miss Young, who with wonderful courage has borne the great burden or responsibility incident to her position as head of the largest Christian institution for higher female education in Japan. Her various assistants might well be said to rank as specialists in their several departments of work. Few

outside the school realize the exacting toil of these workers all through the week and who together with their advanced pupils furnish Bible instruction in the numerous Sunday Schools in the city as well as in the regular school of the Deshima Church.

Miss Smith, whose health had been declared too precarious to allow of her remaining in Fukuoka, came to *Kuassui* in the early winter and though long unable to go out, gave instruction to a number of classes in her own room. Tho continuing her work, the health of Miss Bing was also discouraging for a time but I am glad to report that both of these ladies are now much improved and it is to be hoped their recovery may soon prove complete.

The benevolent collections had not all been taken at the time of the fourth quarterly conferences but in view of the short year of nine months most of the churches have done as well as could be expected.

Every church but one has asked for the return of its present pastor, and the only reason for that exception is that the pastor of said church—Bro. Kawase—expects within a few weeks to go to America. It is with mutual sorrow that this separation is at hand, but after eight years of faithful service in the ministry of our church, he feels that Providence has opened the way for the realization of a long cherished desire for a fuller equipment for the work to which his life has been dedicated.

Only a couple of churches feel able to make an advance over last year in the matter of pastoral support. A number of appointments ask that a Bible woman be sent them if possible. It is however greatly to be regretted that Miss Gheer, the superintendent of Bible women, has not a supply of efficient workers of this class, adequate for the needs of all the churches.

The Temperance sentiment is increasing throughout the district. The two visits of Bro. Miyama, the Temperance Evangelist, have been productive of good in our midst.

At the session of our District Conference just closed, *three* candidates were recommended for admission to this conference, and *one* recommended for Local Elder's orders. *Three* were granted license to preach while *three* local preachers, and *nine* exhorters had their licenses renewed. In closing this report I wish to say my heart has been greatly touched as I have noted the experiences through which some of my brethern have passed during the year. Death has visited the home of one, sickness has lingered at another's door, while all have felt the strain incident to straitened financial conditions which have been borne by faithful wives as well, and my prayer to God is that He will supply all needed grace whereby we may glorify Him the coming year even more than we have in that which is past.

FINANCES
REDISTRIBUTION

(REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS)

Total Grant—Gold	2316.	4632
Paid Salaries—Jan.—Apr.	884.88	
„ Rents „	250.	1134.88
* Balance for 8 Months		3497.12
	<u>4632.00</u>	<u>4632</u>

REDISTRIBUTION FOR 8 MONTHS.

Appointments	Salary	Rents	Total Expenditures	Self Support	Mission Money
FUKUOKA DISTRICT	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen.
Fukuoka Circuit	256.	16.	272.	64.	208.
Hakata and Saga	344.	112.	456.	23.04	432.96
Kokura and Moji	208.	160.	368.	16.	352.
Kurume and Yanagawa	160.	76.	236.	22.64	213.36
Kutami Circuit	176.	36.	212.	4.	208.
Omuta „	128.	36.	164.	8.	156.
Wakamatsu „	176.	64.	240.	20.	220.
NAGASAKI DISTRICT					
Kagoshima Circuit	256.	52.	308.	16.	292.
Kajiki	184.	48.	232.	4.	228.
Kumamoto and † Yatsushiro	304.60	30.	334.60	85.	299.60
Miyazaki Ct.	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki : Deshima	368.	72.	440.	224.	216.
„ Kojiyamachi	256.	—	256.	160.	96.
Okinawa (Loo Choo)	280.	71.20	351.20	40.	311.20
Sendai Circuit	224.	48.	272.	8.	264.
	<u>3320.60</u>	<u>821.20</u>	<u>4141.80</u>	<u>644.68</u>	* <u>3497.12</u>

† Yatsushiro six months only.

Respectfully Submitted
J. C. Davison
H. B. Johnson

BOARD OF STEWARDS

- We recommend the following,—
1. That the Conference request that one fourth of the Conference Claimants' Funds

in the hands of the Treasurer of the Japan Conference on December 31, 1898 be sent to the Treasurer of the South Japan Mission Conference in view of contributions to the Special Fund having been made from all sections of Japan.

2. That a draft be drawn on the Book Concern for — dollars made payable to the Conference Treasurer, the amount to be determined when the usual draft arrives from New York.

3. That the following Claims upon the Conference Fund be paid as soon as the money is in hand,—

C. Nagano	Yen	20.
C. Nakayama		15.
K. Komaki		20.
S. Matsukuma		7.
N. Kawasaki	10.	Yen 72.

In behalf of the Board of Stewards,

S. Matsumoto,
H. B. Johnson,
M. S. Vail.

TREASURER

Milton S. Vail
Treasurer

COMMITTEES

BENEVOLENCES

Your Committee is sorry to report that the general benevolent collections are smaller than those of last year, but this may be accounted for by the fact that this Conference year has been a very short one, and because we are just organizing our Conference Societies. At least three of these will be organized this year and we may look for an advance next year.

There is an apparent falling off in Home Missions, but the explanation is that the money paid in Loo Choo to the missionary there was credited this year to Pastoral Support.

We are glad to report an advance for Foreign Missions.

We feel that just now we must press home to our people the matter of self support, but we also pledge ourselves to raise all we can for the various benevolences.

C. Nakayama
M. S. Vail
S. Matsukuma.

BIBLE AND CHRISTIAN PUBLICATIONS

Your Committee feel that the importance of the work carried on by the Bible Societies in promulgating the Gospel of Light and Salvation can not be over estimated, and we recommend that we pastors shall make it our duty the present year to see to it that there is a Bible in the hands of every Christian in our charges, and we will urge upon all the necessity of reading carefully and prayerfully a portion of Holy Scripture every day.

For the study of the Word by our people we most earnestly recommend that they supply themselves with our Sunday School publications, as in our judgment there is nothing better in the Japanese language. We are glad that WESLEY'S NOTES on the New Testament has been translated and published, but this work is probably too condensed and difficult for many of the common people to understand. Every preacher, however should have this book and should study it thoroughly.

The little paper called Scripture Union is also a good paper.

We rejoice that we have so many good tracts to spread among the people, but we think there should be more written in the simplest style so that the uneducated may read and understand. Who of our number will try to write a good tract this year?

It is so expensive and takes so much time to buy books in Tokyo that we

recommend that steps be taken for the opening of a branch Book Store in Nagasaki that may supply Kyushiu with Christian Literature. The Christian Advocate has been successfully carried on under the Editorship of Rev. U. Bessho, whose presence at our Conference has been very welcome. We pledge brother Bessho our hearty support.

C. Nakayama,
M. S. Vail,
S. Matsukuma.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS

We have carefully examined the records of the Fukuoka and Nagasaki District Conferences and find them correct and neatly kept.

Y. Tsuda,
T. Otake,
N. Kawasaki.

EDUCATION

Your Committee are very glad that they can report this department of Christian work in a most prosperous condition, and we believe there is a bright future for all of our Schools in Kyushiu.

The Girls School in Fukuoka is reported to be in a prosperous condition.

The Orphanage in the country situated about twelve miles from the city of Fukuoka has been opened and though its future is still problematical, yet we hope it will do good service in bringing many poor orphan girls to a knowledge of their heavenly Father.

The Kwassui Jo Gakko (Higher school for girls in Nagasaki) is under the general management of an experienced educator, Miss M. Young, and continues to do a good work.

As the Missionaries of the W. F. M. S. will give detailed reports of their educational work we have simply mentioned the principal schools under their charge.

Chinzei Gakkwan (Kyushiu Methodist Mission Seminary) has had a good year and it is with pleasure that we endorse the following report handed to us by the Principal, the Rev. E. R. Fulkerson.

CHINZEI GAKKWAN

Chinzei Gakkwan has enjoyed another successful year. Teachers and students have vied together to bring the school to the highest point of usefulness as a Christian educational center.

After years of patient waiting, we have a Faculty composed almost entirely of Christian men, who have had large experience in teaching, and who are in hearty sympathy with the work we are trying to do.

There has been a steady increase in attendance since September, but the largest gains have been during the past few weeks.

The present enrollment is 175. To say that our buildings are full is to put it mildly. We are very much crowded. With larger buildings, we could have more than 200 students.

We are now in harmony with the government schools in the matter of closing the school year. Our Closing Exercises were held the last of March. Four men completed the special vernacular course in theology.

The religious work of the school has been most satisfactory. Nearly all of the boarding students were converted during a revival which began with the Day of Prayer for Colleges.

We earnestly request the pastors to visit the school and thoroughly inspect the work.

The Chairman of your committee has carefully drawn up a constitution for a Conference Educational Society, and it has been thoughtfully considered by us. We recommend that you adopt this Constitution for the South Japan Mission Conference, in order that we may help to educate our youth for active Christian lives, because we believe that the welfare of any country depends very largely upon thoroughly educated, and wholly consecrated Christian men and women.

We recognize the fact that our school has been working under some disadvantages on account of the Military Conscript laws and we trust arrangements may be made by which our students may enjoy equal privileges with the Government Schools.

We counsel that only such students be allowed to enter upon the Theological Course who are thoroughly prepared, and that hereafter there be no special classes formed in the Theological Department.

We suggest the propriety of the appointment of a committee of three to visit our higher schools at or near the close of the school year in order that this committee may see for itself what is being done and render a written report to our next Annual Meeting.

And finally, brethren, we recommend that every member of the Conference take upon his heart in fervent prayer to Almighty God, and frequently, our Christian schools, praying that their influences for good may be constantly increased.

M. S. Vail,
S. Yoshioka,
S. Matsumoto.

EPWORTH LEAGUES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Recognizing the importance of the Sunday School and Epworth League work, your Committee begs leave to call attention to the following points:

1. That where possible Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues be organized in connection with the Churches.
2. That each Sunday School be organized into a Missionary Society, to the end that our children and young people may be more fully instructed in regard to the great missionary cause.

U. Kaneko,
K. Kawase,
E. R. Fulkerson.

FRATERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following communications have been received and your Committee recommend their reference as indicated below:

1. From the Nagasaki District Conference,
 - a. On the organization of a Preachers' Aid Society
To the Conference.
 - b. On change of district boundaries
To the Bishop.
 - c. On Special Educational Fund
To the Committee on Education.
2. From the Fukuoka District Conference
 - a. On district boundaries
To the Bishop.
 - b. On change in circuits
To the Bishop.
 - c. On self support
To the Annual Conference.
3. Fraternal letter from the Japan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
To the Annual Conference.
4. Fraternal letter from Rev. T. W. B. Demaree, Fraternal Delegate from the Japan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.
To the Annual Conference.
5. Telegram of greeting from friends at Aoyama.
To be answered by the Committee.

J. C. Davison,
K. Kawase,
E. R. Fulkerson.

TEMPERANCE AND SABBATH OBSERVANCE

We rejoice in the organization of the National Temperance League in October of last year, and in the increasing of its organ "The Light of Our Land." Its circulation among our people will be very stimulating to the cause of temperance.

As voluntary total abstinence from all intoxicants is the true ground of personal temperance, every effort possible should be made to inform and persuade men. But we should give constant emphasis to the fact that real safety is only to be found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We take great pleasure in commending the excellent work of our brother, the Rev. K. Miyama both as a Temperance and Gospel Evangelist. We earnestly request those in charge of his time to plan for an annual trip to Kiushiu, and we pledge him our hearty support.

The Sabbath is a Divine institution and we believe that those who keep it are benefited physically, mentally, and spiritually. There is no greater enemy to the Sabbath in any land, and especially in Japan, than intemperance. Here it is a holiday when the official and student classes are free, and it is but natural that it should be a day of recreation. We must not cease our efforts until our own people observe the day as a Holy Day and until the people generally come to understand its true meaning. God will honor us in our work and His in proportion as we honor His Word and Day.

G. Nagano,
U. Sasamori,
H. B. Johnson.

SELF-SUPPORT

Your Committee has carefully considered the following plan submitted by H. B. Johnson, through the Fukuoka District Conference, and recommend its adoption as amended,—

1. The pastor's salary of a given church is to be determined according to the Discipline as follows,— The Quarterly Conference, after its Estimating Committee has conferred with the pastor and reported, shall recommend to the Standing Committee of the District Conference the amount necessary for the support of its pastor and shall state what the charge is able to give. Said Standing Committee, after considering these recommendations and promises, shall make an estimate to the Missionary Society, in whole or in part as may be necessary, the final determination to be with the Committee on Missions of the Mission Conference as required by the Missionary Society after the appropriation for a given year shall be known.

When the amount is thus determined, the whole salary is to be divided

into twelve equal parts or shares, representing the twelve months of the year, and each church shall be asked to become responsible for as many shares as possible. It will be self-supporting in proportion to the number of shares taken.

3. These shares taken by the local church are to be paid during the latter part of the Conference (or calendar) year, the Missionary Society providing for the remaining shares from the beginning of the year.

4. During the entire year the church will collect and save its money.

5. In order that the burden may not be too heavy at the close of the year, the benevolent collections are to be taken quarterly.

H. B. Johnson,
S. Matsumoto,
C. Nakayama.

CONSTITUTIONS

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

ARTICLE I. NAME AND OBJECT.

The name of this society shall be The Church Extension Society of the South Japan Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The object of this society shall be to lend money to local churches in order to build churches and parsonages in important places; to repair such buildings already in existence; and to buy land with a view of building churches or parsonages.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP.

(a) Any preacher or layman of the Methodist Episcopal Church or any person who will help in bringing about the results desired, may become a member of the society.

(b) Every member must pay a monthly fee of at least ten sen.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS.

(a) There shall be the following officers: (1) A President, (2) A Secretary and (3) A Treasurer.

(b) These officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting.

(c) These officers with one representative from each District Conference shall constitute the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV. DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

- (a) The President shall superintend the general work of the society, be the Chairman at the Annual Meeting and shall make the report of the society.
- (b) The Treasurer shall receive money and pay it out and shall also make an Annual Report of the condition of the Treasury.
- (c) The Secretary shall take charge of the records and correspondence of the society.
- (d) The representatives of the districts shall have careful supervision of methods employed in making loans and they shall make a report at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE V. METHODS.

- (a) Any church that has twenty five members or which the Annual Meeting may vote to be sufficiently important, may borrow money not to exceed three hundred yen for the building of a new church, or for buying land for such purposes, or for repairing churches or parsonages.
- (b) The money loaned must be returned in six years without interest. In special cases however interest may be charged after due consultation with the parties interested.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS.

- (a) There shall be an Annual Meeting of the society to be held at the time and place of the South Japan Mission Conference, in order to hear the reports and to elect officers.
- (b) The Annual Meeting shall consider the requests for loans and, after due consideration, may order the loan of money.

ARTICLE VII. ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS.

- (a) Each pastor shall collect money from his charge and shall send it to the Treasurer.
- (b) The form of application that shall be sent in to the Executive Committee from any church that wishes to borrow money, is as follows :

APPLICATION FOR LOAN

I. Amount of loan.....
With interest
Without interest
II. Mortgage
 (Church building, or land)
We.....
.....

hereby borrow from the Church Extension Society of the South Japan Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in accord with its regulations, the sum of.....Yen said..... money is borrowed for the purpose of.....

We hereby promise to pay back the money annually as the society shall direct, the whole amount to be repaid within six years, but should we fail to do so, the society is at liberty to foreclose the mortgage and thus secure the money. In witness whereof we hereby sign our names.

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EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE I. NAME.

This Society shall be known as The Educational Society of the South Japan Mission Conference.

ARTICLE II. OBJECT.

It is intended by this organization: (1) To furnish a receptacle for contributions of benevolent and godly persons desirous of promoting the cause of Christian Education in South Japan; (2) To give financial aid to young men of promise and piety whom the Church shall deem subjects of a divine call to preach the Gospel of Christ, and (3) To render timely aid to the children of our preachers and to such young people of our Church as show signs of promise as christian workers.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Sec. (1) There shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and a Treasurer. Of these officers two shall be Japanese brethren and two Foreign Missionaries.

Sec. (2) The above officers shall constitute the Executive Committee for the transaction of all necessary business of the society.

Sec (3) The above officers shall be elected annually and shall discharge the duties pertaining to their office till their successors are elected.

Sec. (4) It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to inquire into the condition of each applicant in regard to the following points:—

- (1) His age and antedecents.
- (2) His health.
- (3) His natural abilities and disposition.
- (4) His spiritual qualifications and graces.

This examination must take place before financial aid is given.

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ARTICLE IV. LOANS.

Sec. (1) Aid shall be granted only to young people attending Institutions of Learning patronized by our Conferences.

(2) The amount of aid to be loaned to each person shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

(3) A beneficiary of the society shall before receiving aid, give to the Executive Committee a written pledge that he will after completing his studies, return to the treasury of the society the money loaned, in annual installments of not less than one fourth the amount annually received, without interest, till the whole is paid, except in case of sickness or missionary service, when the Executive Committee shall have power to change the conditions or cancel the obligations.

Sec. (4) The applicant for aid in the Theological Department shall give a written pledge that after graduation, he will give at least five consecutive years of service in our Japan work, unless transferred by the Bishop to actual ministerial work elsewhere.

In case of leaving the work in less than five years for other causes than failure of health, he shall refund without interest, the money received.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. (1) Any member in full connection or on probation of this Conference may become a member of this society by the annual payment of fifty sen.

Sec. (2) The duties of the members shall be (a) To preach once a year on the subject of Education: (b) To take up a collection for this cause once a year; (c) To urge upon all of our young people that so far as possible they should attend our schools: (d) Persons not members of this Conference may be elected associate members of the society and they shall have the privilege of speaking but not of voting at the meetings of the society. They also shall pay an annual fee of fifty sen.

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY**ARTICLE I. NAME.**

The name of this society shall be the Home Missionary Society of the South Japan Mission Conference.

ARTICLE II. OBJECT.

The object of this society shall be to encourage self-support and to open new work in southern Japan.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP.

Any person who approves the object of the society, and will pay the

membership fees, may become a member.

The members shall be divided into Active Members, Honorary Members and Associate Members.

Active Members are those who pay more than one yen a year : Honorary Members are those who pay five yen or more a year : Associate Members are those who pay less than one yen a year.

Every member of the South Japan Mission Conference is requested to become an Active Member, and to take up a collection for his charge for the society.

Any member of the society may solicit new members.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS.

The officers of the society shall be a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Board of Managers. The Board of Managers shall consist of the officers of the society and one representative from each district to be nominated by the President and elected by the Conference.

The Secretary shall keep a record of all the transactions of the society, and also conduct all correspondence. In the absence of the President, the Secretary shall preside.

Meetings of the Officers or Board of Managers may be called by the President or Secretary.

The Treasurer shall receive all money, and pay it out as directed by the Executive Committee, which shall consist of the President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the time and place of the Conference session, and shall serve for one year, or till their successors are elected.

ARTICLE V. THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual meeting shall be held at the time and place of the South Japan Mission Conference.

Meetings of Officers—Such meetings shall be held at any time, as occasion may require.

The Annual meeting shall be composed of Active Members, Honorary Members, and one delegate from each church in the Conference.

The Annual meeting shall receive the report of the Treasurer, elect officers, determine the methods of work, and transact all other business of the society.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended at any session of the South Japan Mission Conference by a vote of two-thirds present, one day's notice having been given.

COURSES OF STUDY

CONFERENCE COURSE

ADMISSION TO CONFERENCE

1. Chinese Literature—Nihon Seiki, Hachidaika.
2. Composition—Essay in Chinese or Japanese.
3. Mathematics—Arithmetic and Algebra.
4. History—Hagiwara's History of Nihon and Swinton's Outlines of the World, translated.
5. Geography.
6. Physics—Elementary.
7. A general Examination on the Bible—Matthew, Romans, and I. and II. Kings.
8. Theology—Positive Theology— Lowry.
9. Discipline—Parts I.—II.

FIRST YEAR

1. Ethics—Elements of Ethics— Janet.
2. Evidences of Christianity— Davis.
3. Tongue of Fire— Arthur.
4. New Testament Theology— J. Wier.
5. Systematic Theology—Vol. I. . . . Raymond.
6. Exegesis—Genesis and Exodus.
7. Bible History—(for the present year.) . . . Russell.
8. Discipline—Parts III—V.
9. Written Sermon.

SECOND YEAR

1. Logic— Jevon.
2. Evidences of Christianity— Hopkins.

3. Life of Christ— Imbrie.
4. Introduction to the Old Testament— . . . H. B. Johnson.
5. Systematic Theology—Vol. II. Raymond.
6. History of Methodism— Daniels.
7. Exegesis—Joshua, Isaiah and Acts.
8. Discipline—Parts VII—IX.
9. Written Sermon.

THIRD YEAR

1. Psychology—Vol. I. Sully.
2. History of Doctrine— Sheldon.
3. Systematic Theology—Vol. III. Raymond.
4. Homiletics— Maclay.
5. Introduction to the New Testament— . . . D. S. Spencer.
6. Exegesis—Psalms and Romans.
7. Church History—To the Modern Church. . . Learned.
8. Life of Wesley— C. Bishop.
9. Introduction to Political Economy.
10. Written Sermon.

FOURTH YEAR

1. Psychology—Vol. II. Sully.
2. History of Doctrine— Sheldon.
3. Theology—Theism Bowne.
- The Atonement. Miley.
4. Church Polity—Comparative Church Polity. . . D. S. Spencer.
5. Exegesis—The Minor Prophets, Hebrews, I. and II. Timothy and James.
6. Church History—From Reformation to Present. . . Sheldon.
7. Written Sermon.

*Those who take Miley's Systematic Theology are excused from Miley's Atonement.

LOCAL PREACHER'S COURSE OF STUDY

PREPARATORY

- 1. Japanese History.
- 2. Outlines of Physics.
- 3. Discipline, Part I.
- 4. Evidences of Christianity Davis.
- 5. Methodist Catechism, No. II.
- 6. I. and II. Kings and Matthew.

FIRST YEAR

- 1. Discipline, Part II.
- 2. Old Testament History.
- 3. Positive Theology Lowry
- 4. Ethics Janet.
- 5. Genesis and Romans.

SECOND YEAR

- 1. Discipline, Part III.
- 2. Old Testament History.
- 3. Systematic Theology, Vol I. Raymond.
- 4. Life of Christ, First Half Imbrie.
- 5. Homiletics. Maclay.
- 6. Exodus and Hebrews.
- 7. Written Sermon.

THIRD YEAR

- 1. Discipline, Part IV.
- 2. Church History Learned.
- 3. Introduction to the New Testament D. S. Spencer.
- 4. Systematic Theology, Vol. II. Raymond.
- 5. Old Testament Theology Oehler.
- 6. Life of Christ, Second Half Imbrie.

- 7. Isaiah.
- 8. Corinthians.
- 9. Written Sermon.

FOURTH YEAR

- 1. Discipline, Part IV.
- 2. Church History, Second Half. Learned.
- 3. Systematic Theology, Vol III. Raymond.
- 4. Introduction to the Old Testament. H. B. Johnson.
- 5. Psalms and I. and II. Timothy.
- 6. Written Sermon.

LOCAL ELDER'S ORDERS

Review of the following : —
Raymond's Theology.
Bible History.
Church History. Learned.
Discipline.

COURSE IN JAPANESE FOR MISSIONARIES

(Figures in Brackets indicate *first* and *second* Terms respectively).

FIRST YEAR

- 1. Chinese Characters...Shintai Toku-hon, Vols. I, II(1); Vol. III(2).
- 2. Reading.....Hymnal and Gospels (1).
- 3. Translation.....Colloquial Mark into English (2).
- 4. Conversation.....With a person unacquainted with English (1,2).
- 5. Grammar.....Aston on the Spoken Language (1).
Chamberlain's Handbook, to the Verb (2).
- 6. Reciting from Memory.....Lord's Prayer(1); Apostles' Creed (2).

SECOND YEAR

- 1. Chinese Characters.....Shintai Toku-hon, Vol. IV(1); Vol. V(2).

2. Translation.....Acts and Epistle of James into English and Colloquial Japanese (1); Benkyoka no Tomo, Part I (2).
3. Conversation.....With a Person unacquainted with English (1,2).
4. Original Composition.....Subject assigned by Examiner (1,2).
5. Grammar.....Chamberlain's Handbook, *from* Verb (1).
6. Reciting from Memory...Ten Commandments and Beatitudes (1).
7. Prayer (reciting from Memory)-Forms in Ritual, ¶442-448 (2).
8. Writing *Katakana* (1).

THIRD YEAR

1. Chinese Characters.....Shintai Toku-hon, Vols. VI(1); VII (2).
2. Translation.....Benkyoka no Tomo, Part II (1); Genesis and Ephesians (1); Chamberlain's Romanized Readers, *to* Lesson XXXIII (2); Kyuo Dowa, Lectures I, II (2).
3. Conversation....With a Person unacquainted with English (1,2).
4. Original Composition.....Subject assigned by Examiner (1,2).
5. Written Prayer.....In presence of Examiner (1).
6. Exposition of Scripture.....Extempore—Selection given (2).
7. Grammar...Imbrie's Etymology, Chaps. 1-5 (1); Chaps. 6-10 (2).
8. Reciting from Memory.....John XIV, 1. Cor. XIII (2).
9. Writing *Hiragana* (1).

FOURTH YEAR

1. Chinese Characters...Shintai Toku-hon, Vol. VII(1); Review (2).
2. Translation.....Ritual (1); Psalms, I-LXXII(1); Chamberlain's Romanized Readers, *from* Lesson XXXIV(2); Isa. XL-XLVI (2).
3. Conversation.....With a Person unacquainted with English (1,2).
4. Original Composition.....Written Sermon (2).
5. Written Prayer.....In presence of Examiner (1).
6. Exposition of Scripture.....Extempore-Selection given (2).
7. Grammar.....Chamberlain's Written Language (2).
Verbeck's Conjugations (for reference).

COMPLIMENTARY RESOLUTIONS.

I

WHEREAS the first Annual Meeting of the South Japan Mission Conference has been presided over Bishop Earl Cranston D. D. LL. D., and

WHEREAS our beloved Bishop has conducted the business of the Conference with patience, courtesy, tact and in the spirit of true Christian Fellowship, and,

WHEREAS Bishop Cranston by his authority gave the decision that brought about the formation of this new Mission Conference, therefore

RESOLVED (1) That we show our appreciation of the kind services rendered us by a rising vote; (2) That should it please our Heavenly Father to return Bishop Cranston to the Far East we will assure him and his family a hearty welcome.

II

We would sincerely thank Miss Anna Bing, our organist, and also the Secretaries and Interpreters and all who, by their kind services have helped to make the Conference pleasant and successful.

Milton S. Vail,
Kosaku Yoshioka.

Names of Charges.	Benevolent Collections.															
	Missions.			Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Expenses.	Tract Society.	General Conference Expenses.	Education.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss'y Society.	Home Miss'y Society.	Other Collections.	Current Expenses.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.
	(a) Church.	(b) Sunday School.	Total.					(a) Educational Collection.	(b) Children's Fund.							
Fukuoka District.	7.00		7.00	1.20	24.63	.25	.35	2.00		.25	.35	1.20		36.32	.50	1.10
Kokuri & Wakamatsu	4.00		4.00	.60		.25		1.20		.25		1.35		11.49	.20	.80
Omura & Kurume	3.00		3.00	1.00	5.41	.25		.50		.20		2.50	2.00	4.24	.30	.72
Saga & Yanagawa	3.50		3.50	.50	5.00	.20		.30		.20		2.00	.78	5.85	.30	.93
	17.50		17.50	3.30	35.04	.95	.35	4.00		.90	.35	7.05	2.78	57.90	1.30	3.55
Nagasaki District	.50		.50	.30		.10		.50		.10	.10	2.00	5.10	7.72	.20	.50
Kajiki	.20		.20			.10				.10					.30	.30
Kumamoto & Kintami	3.00		3.00	2.26	9.49	.35		1.40		.35	.20	3.00	27.73	15.94	.60	1.00
Miyazaki																
Nagasaki — Deshima	14.15	7.33	21.48	5.20	25.14	2.00		6.00		2.00		5.20	95.00	45.89	2.00	2.50
" Kojiyamachi	.40		.40	.30	3.57	.42		.50		.22			90.06	22.98	.50	.20
Okinawa(Loo Choo)	5.00		5.00	1.50		.30		.50		.30	.50	5.00	4.00	11.71	.50	1.00
Sendai	.60		.60	.20	.40			.20				.40	3.10	4.75		.20
Yatsushiro	.50		.50		.46			.30					1.30	2.36		.20
	24.35	7.33	31.68	9.76	39.06	3.27		9.40		3.07	.80	15.60	106.29	111.35	4.10	5.90
Recapitulation 1899	41.85	7.33	49.18	13.06	74.10	4.22	.35	13.40		3.97	1.15	22.65	109.07	169.25	5.40	9.45
Totals 1898	27.96	8.65	36.61	22.10	80.15	4.50	2.50	15.85		3.95	.30	234.50	244.51	339.48	4.80	8.55
Gain	13.89		12.57							.02	.85				.60	.90
Loss		1.32		9.04	6.05	.28	2.15	2.45				211.85	135.44	170.18		
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Nagasaki

and

Chiku

Fukuoka

Kokura & Wakura
Omura & Kurume
Suga & Yanagawa

Nagasaki District

Kagoshima
Kajiki
Kumamoto & Kintai
Miyazaki
Nagasaki - Deshima
" Kojiyamachi
Okinawa (Loo Choo)
Sendai
Yatsushiro

17.50	14.50	3.30	30.04	.90	.30	2.00	1.00	2.18	01.90	1.30	3.00
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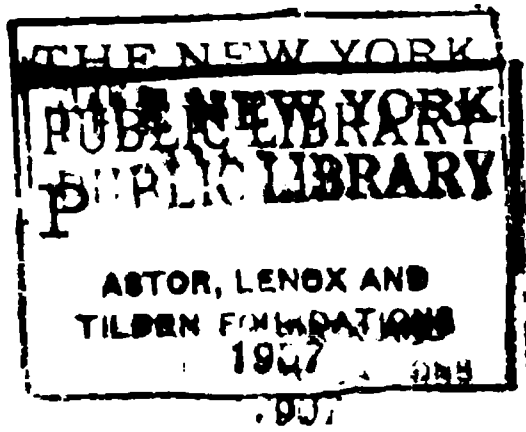
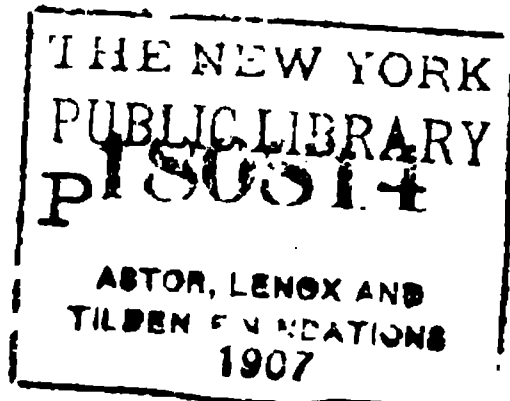
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Henry B. Schwartz.
Secretary.

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Conference Directory.

MEMBERS

Entered Traveling Connection	Name	Rank	Address	Years in app't m. n.
1873	Davison, John C.	P. E	6 B. Higashi Yama Nagasaki	4
1895	Fujii, Shigeo	2 D	Harabu, Kutami Machi, Kamoto Gun Higo	4
1882	Fulkerson, Epperson	R. E	6 B. Higashi Yama Nagasaki	7
1891	Kawase, Kotaro	E	At school in The United States	1
1879	Kosaka, Keinosuke	E	40, Tenjincho, Fukuoka	5
1880	Matsumoto, Sogo	E	37 Nishida machi Kagoshima	3
1885	Nagano, Chiujo	E	Hakata	1
	Nakamura, Tokutaro	E	Deshima M. E. Church, Nagasaki	2
1882	Nakayama, Chiujo	E	Kojiyamachi M. E. Church, Nagasaki	1
1886	Otake, Tsunenari	E	Mukota machi M. E. Church, Sendai Satsuma	3
1893	Sasamori, Uichiro	E	34 Umamachi, Nagasaki	8
1887	Schwartz, Henry B.	E	6 A Higashi Yama, Nagasaki	1
1892	Tsuda, Yoshito	E	4 Yasukibashi Dori Kumamoto	4
1879	Vail, Milton S.	E	In United States on Leave	1
1897	Yoshioka, Kosaku	E	Hanano Cho, Wakamatsu, Chikuzen	2
Number of Members			15	

PROBATIONERS

1898	Ijichi, Kuro	2nd Yr.	Kudari M. E. Church, Omuta, Chikugo	2
1898	Kaneko, Ukichi	2nd Yr.	167 Gochome, Kyomachi, Kokura, Buzen	3
1898	Kawasaki, Noboru	2nd Yr.	69. Sanchome, Kyomachi, Kurume	3
1899	Marai, Kiso	2nd Yr.	87. Kume, Nahaku, Okinawa	1

Officers.

JOHN C. DAVISON,
HENRY B. SCHWARTZ,
KOSAKU YOSHIOKA,
EPPERSON R. FULKERSON,
HERBERT B. JOHNSON,

President
English Secretary
Japanese Secretary
Statistical Secretary
Treasurer

Committees.

STANDING.

BENEVOLENCES—

C. Nagano, H. B. Johnson, T. Nakamura.

BIBLE AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE—

U. Sasamori, U. Kaneko, Henry B. Schwartz.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS—

S. Matsumoto, K. Yoshioka, E. R. Fulkerson.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS—

S. Fujii, N. Kawasaki, T. Nakamura.

EDUCATION—

K. Kosaka, Y. Tsuda, E. R. Fulkerson, N. Kawasaki.

EPWORTH LEAGUE AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS—

Henry B. Schwartz, K. Murai, K. Kosaka.

ESTIMATES FOR EVANGELISTIC WORK—

S. Matsumoto, T. Otake, C. Nakayama.

FRATERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMORIALS—

E. R. Fulkerson, U. Sasamori, K. Ijichi.

MISSIONS (REDISTRIBUTION)—

The Presiding Elders.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE AND TEMPERANCE—

T. Otake, S. Fujii, Henry B. Schwartz.

SELF SUPPORT—

C. Nakayama, H. B. Johnson, K. Yoshioka.

SPECIAL.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM AND ARRANGEMENTS—

The Presiding Elder of the Fukuoka District and the Pastors at Fukuoka and Hakata.

CONFERENCE VISITORS TO CHINZEI SEMINARY—

The Pastors at Deshima and Fukuoka.

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES—

The Secretaries.

TWENTIETH CENTURY MOVEMENT—

U. Sasamori, C. Nakayama, Henry B. Schwartz, H. B. Johnson.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

CONFERENCE REPORTER.—

U. Kaneko.

PREACHER OF MISSIONARY SERMON—

H. B. Johnson.

TRIEERS OF APPEALS—

K. Kosaka, S. Matsumoto, Henry B. Schwartz, E. R. Fulkerson,
C. Nakayama, T. Tsuda, T. Otake.

CONFERENCE BOARDS.

EXAMINERS—

H. B. Johnson, H. B. Schwartz, U. Sasamori, C. Nakayama, E.
R. Fulkerson, S. Matsumoto.

STEWARDS—

C. Nakayama, K. Kosaka, H. B. Johnson, S. Matsumoto, E. R.
Fulkerson.

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

CHURCH EXTENTION—

H. B. Johnson, President, C. Nakayama, Secretary, U. Sasamori,
Treasurer.

EDUCATION—

Henry B. Schwartz, President, Kosaku Yoshioka, Vice President,
U. Sasamori, Secretary, E. R. Fulkerson, Treasurer.

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

S. Matsumoto, President, U. Sasamori Secretary K. Kosaka,
Treasurer.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

	NUMERICAL	1899	1900
Members of Conference :			
Missionaries		4	5.
Japanese		10	10.
Conference Probationers		4	4.
Supplies		3	3.
Missionaries. W. F. M. S.		8	8.
Church Members		703	765.
Probationers		295	323.
Baptisms :			
Children		22	49.
Adults		71	138.
Sunday Schools		26	34.
" Scholars		1602	1715.

FINANCIAL

Paid for Church Building and Improvement	Yen	2050	593.
" Old Indebtedness	"	107	146.
" Pastoral Support	"	669	957.
" Current Expenses incl. S. Schools	"	305	416.
" Benevolent Collections	"	113	121.
" Other Collections	"	119	238.

Includes Yen 700 Borrowed money which should not have been reported.

JOURNAL

FIRST DAY.

Thursday, May 3., 1900.

The South Japan Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met for its second session at the Deshima Church, Nagasaki, Thursday, May 3, at nine o'clock.

In the absence of a bishop, the Rev. John C. Davison called the Conference to order and announced the 280th. hymn, which was feelingly sung. Kenosuke Kosaka read the first eleven verses of the fortieth chapter of Isaiah and Sogo Matsumoto the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, after which Chujo Nakayama led the Conference in prayer. The 63rd. hymn was sung, and J. C. Davison assisted by several elders, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Chairman :—At the conclusion of this service, J. C. Davison read a letter from Bishop Cranston, in charge of the Conference, appointing him to preside in his absence. He then briefly addressed the Conference expressing with great feeling his sense of the responsibility entrusted to him.

Roll-Call :—Herbert B. Johnson, the secretary of the last session called the roll of the Conference and ten elders and six deacons and probationers answered to their names.

Transfer :—The transfer of Tokutaro Nakamura from the California Conference, and of Henry B. Schwartz, from the New England Conference were announced.

Organization :—On motion of Chujo Nagano, Henry B. Schwartz was chosen English secretary, and on motion of Yoshito Tsuda, Kosaku Yoshioka was elected Japanese secretary. Epperson R. Fulkerson was

elected statistical secretary with Noboru Kawasaki as his assistant. H. B. Johnson was elected Conference treasurer.

Auditing Committee :—On the request of E. R. Fulkerson, Uichiro Sasamori and Sogo Matsumoto were appointed to audit the accounts of M. S. Vail, the former Conference treasurer.

Bar of the Conference :—On motion of Yoshito Tsuda the bar of the Conference was fixed at the fifth seat, only the middle seats to be used.

Conference Program :—The committee on Conference program reported, and on motion of Chujo Nagano, their report was recommended.

Conference Hours :—On motion of Henry B. Schwartz, the time of meeting was fixed at nine A. M., the first half hour to be devotional exercises. The time for adjournment was fixed at twelve.

Standing Committees :—H. B. Johnson reported the following nominations for the standing committees which were confirmed :—
Benevolences: Chujo Nagano, Herbert B. Johnson, Tokutaro Nakamura. Bible and Christian Publications :—Uichiro Sasamori, Ukichi Kaneko, Henry B. Schwartz. Conference Relations :—Sogo Matsumoto, Kosaku Yoshioku, Epperson R. Fulkerson. District Conference Records :—Shigeo Fuji, Noboru Kawasaki, Tokutaro Nakamura. Education :—Keinosuke Kosaka, Yoshito Tsuda, Epperson R. Fulkerson, Noboru Kawasaki. Epworth League and Sunday-schools :—Henry B. Schwartz, Kiso Murai, Keinosuke Kosaka. Estimates for Evangelistic Work :—Sogo Matsumoto, Tsunenari Otake, Chujo Nakayama. Fraternal Communications and Memorials :—E. R. Fulkerson, Uichiro Sasamori, Kuru Ijichi. Missions, (Redistribution) The Presiding Elders. Sabbath Observance and Temperance :—Tsunenari Otake, Shigeo Fujii, Henry B. Schwartz. Self Support :—Chujo Nagano, C. Nakayama, H. B. Johnson, Kosaku Yoshioka.

Conference Stewards :—Chujo Nakayama, Keinosuke Kosaka, Herbert B. Johnson, Sogo Matsumoto and E. R. Fulkerson were constituted the Conference Board of Stewards.

Reporter for Gokyo :—Ukichi Kaneko was appointed to report the proceedings of the Conference for the Gokyo.

Editor of the Gokyo :—Rev. Uenosuke Bessho, Editor of the Gokyo was introduced and addressed the Conference. On motion of Chujo Nagano, Tokutaro Nakamura replied to his greetings on behalf of the Conference.

Statistical Session :—On motion of H. B. Johnson, the statistical session was postponed until four o'clock. Shigeo Fujii was appointed to lead the devotional services.

Conference Program :—The committee on program presented their amended report and on motion of Henry B. Schwartz it was adopted.

Adjournment :—The limit of time having been reached, the doxology was sung and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Yoshito Tsuda.

STATISTICAL SESSION.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Conference met for its statistical session at four o'clock. John C. Davison in the chair. Shigeo Fujii announced the 118 hymn and led the Conference in prayer. The secretary then called the roll of the charges and all the pastors except one presented their reports to the statistical secretary and treasurer.

The doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by E. R. Fulkerson.

SECOND DAY.

Friday, May 4, 1900.

Conference met at nine o'clock, a half hour was spent in devotional exercises, led by Keinosuke Kosaka. John C. Davison took the chair at nine-thirty.

Journal :—The journal both in English and Japanese was read and after some corrections approved.

The Thirteenth Question :—The thirteenth question was taken up and the character of Herbert B. Johnson, Presiding Elder of the Fukuoka District, was passed and he made his report. Keinosuke Kosaka, Chisjo Nakayama, effective elders, passed in character and reported their benevolences, number of baptisms and subscribers to the Gokyo. J. C. Davison, Presiding Elder of the Nagasaki District, passed in character and his report was read by Tokutaro Nakamura. The characters of Epperson R. Fulkerson, Kotaro Kawase, Sogo Matsumoto, Chiujo Nagano, Tsunenari Otake, Yoshito Tsuda, Tokutaro Nakamura, Henry B. Schwartz, Milton S. Vail and Uichiro Sasamori the effective elders of the District, were passed and those in charge made their reports.

The Seventh Question :—When the seventh question, who have been received into full connection? was reached; Herbert B. Johnson moved that the members of the class who pass in their examinations, be promoted in their studies but be continued in the second year on trial, that they may receive the Bishop's charge and be ordained in regular form next year. After some discussion and explanation the motion prevailed.

Continued on Trial :—Ukichi Kaneko and Noboru Kawasaki reported their collections, their examinations were reported as satisfactory and in accordance with the motion just adopted they were continued in the second year.

Election to Elders Orders :—The class of the fourth year was called and Shigeo Fujii made his report. He was reported to have completed his studies last year and on motion of Herbert B. Johnson he was elected to elders orders.

Questions Three and Eight :—The questions who are received on credentials? and who are in the studies of the third year? were asked and each was answered, none.

Question Nine :—Who are in the studies of the fourth year? was asked, and Kosaku Yoshioka reported his collections and passed in character and in his studies and was advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

Question Five :—Kiso Murai and Kuro Ijichi made their reports and their character and examinations being satisfactory they were advanced to the second year the latter, however, being conditioned on Old Testament History.

Further Disciplinary Questions :—Questions Four and Twenty-three, who have been received on trial? and, who are the superannuated preachers? were asked and answered, there are none.

Division of Conference Funds :—Herbert B. Johnson reported in behalf of the committee appointed last year to ask for a division of funds held by the united Conferences.

Extension of Time :—The time was extended to read a fraternal letter from the Japan Conference which was read by Uichiro Sasamori.

Adjournment :—After a little discussion in regard to the evening meetings Tsunenari Otake pronounced the benediction and the Conference adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

Saturday, May 5, 1900.

Conference met at nine o'clock. After a season of prayer led by Shigeo Fujii, the minutes both in English and Japanese were read and approved.

Twenty-second Question :—The question, who are the supernumerary preachers was taken up, but previous to action the report of the committee on Conference relations was called for and after some discussion it was adopted. The question was then answered, there are none.

Triers of Appeals :—The chairman reported the appointment of the following Triers of Appeals, Keinosuke Kosaka, Sugo Matsumoto, Henry B. Schwartz, Epperson R. Fulkerson, Chiujo Nakayama, Yoshito Tsuda, Tsunenari Otake.

Routine Questions :—Questions two, six, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, and twenty-three were all answered, there are none.

The Next Conference :—The thirteenth question, where shall the next Conference be held? was proposed and Fukuoka and Kumamoto were put in nomination. Fukuoka was chosen by a vote of nine to two.

Committee of Inquiry :—Keinosuke Kosaka moved that in view of the fact that the Missionary Society had paid the outgoing expenses of K. Kimura as a prospective member of this Conference, a committee be appointed to inquire why he has not united with the Conference and to make a suitable representation to the Board. C. Nakayama, T. Tsuda, H. B. Johnson, N. Kawasaki, were appointed.

Fraternal Communications :—Uichiro Sasamori presented the report of the committee on fraternal communications which was adopted.

Twentieth Century Thank Offering :—Uichiro Sasamori for the committee on memorials presented the recommendation of the Fukuoka District Conference in regard to the Twentieth Century Movement. On motion of Henry B. Schwartz the question was referred to a committee to report on Monday. U. Sasamori, C. Nakayama, Henry B. Schwartz, and H. B. Johnson were appointed.

FOURTH DAY.

Monday, May 7, 1900.

The Conference met at 2.15 p. m. J. C. Davison in the chair. After devotional exercises, conducted by the chairman, the minutes in English and Japanese were read and approved.

Changes of Names :—The twenty-first question was again called up and the change of names of Shigeo Matsukuma and Kuro Nagai were ordered recorded under it. The former having become Shigeo Fujii and the latter Kuro Ijichi during the year.

Fraternal Communications :—A letter from the Rev. W. B. Wakeley in behalf of the Methodist Episcopal Church South and a telegram from Rev. J. W. Wadman were referred to the committee on Fraternal Communications.

Book Concern Draft :—Herbert B. Johnson moved that when the draft of the Book Concern comes the President and Secretary of the Conference be authorized to sign it and make it payable to the Treasurer of the Conference. The motion was also made to include a prospective draft from the Japan Conference.

Bible and Christian Literature :—Ukichi Kaneko presented the report of the Committee on the Bible and Christian Literature and it was adopted.

Publishing House Committee :—Herbert B. Johnson and Keinosuke Kosaka were appointed to serve on the Publishing House Committee.

District Conference Records :—Shigeo Fujii read the report of the Committee on District Conference Records, which was adopted.

Statistical Report :—The Statistical Secretary presented his report and it was adopted.

Conference Stewards :—Kosaku Yoshioka presented the report of the Conference Stewards.

Tama no Ura :—By special permission T. Momoda was introduced and addressed the Conference in regard to the *Tama no Ura*, a publication issued by the Chinzei Seminary.

Committee on T. Sato :—Kosaku Yoshioka read the report of a special committee appointed last year to communicate with T. Sato.

Twentieth Century Thank Offering :—Uichiro Sasamori presented the report of the special committee to which was referred the memorial of the Fukuoka District Conference in regard to the Twentieth Century Thank Offering. K. Kosaka moved some amendments which were not agreed to and after some further discussion the report was adopted. On motion of Herbert B. Johnson the motion to adopt was reconsidered after some discussion, farther action on the report was postponed until tomorrow and on motion of Henry B. Schwartz the Conference adjourned at 4.30, Sogo Matsumoto pronouncing the benediction.

FIFTH DAY.

Tuesday, May, 8, 1900

The Conference met at 2.00 P. M. Kosaku Yoshioka led the devotional exercises. John C. Davison took the chair at 2.30.

Journal :—The Minutes of the previous session were read in both languages and approved.

Committee on Twentieth Century :—The report of the committee on the Twentieth Century Thank-offering which was before the house when the Conference adjourned, was taken up and after some slight amendment, the report was adopted.

Official Record :—On motion of Henry B. Schwartz, the printed English Minutes were made the official record of the Conference.

Publication of the Minutes :—Herbert B. Johnson moved that, the English secretary be a committee to publish the English minutes. On the motion of Keinosuke Kosaka, the motion was enlarged to include the Japanese secretaries as a committee on publication of the Japanese minutes.

Educational Society :—Uichiro Sasamori presented a report from the Conference Educational Society, including an amendment to the constitution of the society empowering it to receive and collect money for college endowment. The report also nominated the following officers for the ensuing year ; President, Henry B. Schwartz, Vice President, Kosaku Yoshioka, Secretary, Uichiro Sasamori, Treasurer, Epper-son R. Fulkerson. The report including the amendment and nominations was adopted.

Home Missionary Society Officers :—The nomination of the following officers for the Home Missionary Society was confirmed :—President, Sogo Matsumoto, Secretary, Uichiro Sasamori, Treasurer, Keinosuke Kosaka.

Fraternal Communications :—Uichiro Sasamori presented an additional report in behalf of the committee on Fraternal Communications and the report was adopted.

Church Extension Society :— Chiujo Nakayama presented the report of the meeting of the Church Extension Society and in its behalf nominated the following list of officers :—President, Herbert B. Johnson, Secretary, Chiujo Nakayama, Treasurer, Uichiro Sasamori Managers; Tokutaro Nakumura and Keinosuke Kosaka. On the motion of Keinosuke Kosaka the report was adopted and the nominations were confirmed. An Amendment to Section 3 Article V of the Constitution was agreed to.

Fraternal Visitor :—On the motion of Uichiro Sasamori; Herbert B. Johnson was appointed a fraternal visitor to the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Committee of Arrangements for Next Conference :— On the motion of Henry B. Schwartz, the Presiding Elder of the Fukuoka District, and the pastors at Fukuoka and Hakata were appointed to make arrangements and prepare a program for the next Conference.

Committee Reports :—The reports of the committees on Benevolences and on Self Support were read and adopted.

Treasurer's Reports :— Herbert B. Johnson read his report as Conference Treasurer and it was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Education :—Yoshito Tsuda presented the report of the Committee on Education. After some discussion the report was, on the motion of Henry B. Schwartz, referred back to the Committee.

Committee on Twentieth Century Thank Offering :—The appointment of the pastors to act on the Twentieth Century Committee was left with the Presiding Elders.

Temperance and Sabbath Observation :— The report of the Committee on Temperance and Sabbath Observation, was read by Tsunenari Otake. After some amendment the report was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Education :— The Committee on Education presented its amended report, which was adopted.

Board of Examination :—The chairman reported the following Board of Examiners. Herbert B. Johnson, Henry B. Schwartz, Uichiro Sasamori, Chiujo Nakayama, Yoshito Tsuda, Tsunenari Otake.

To Preach Missionary Sermon.—Herbert B. Johnson was appointed to preach the missionary sermon next year, with Tokutaro Nakamura as alternate.

Committee of Epworth League.—The report of the committee on Epworth League and Sunday-schools, presented its report and it was adopted.

Vote of Thanks.—Chiujo Nagao moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, the secretaries, and the pastors of the Nagasaki churches, for their labors in behalf of the Conference and the motion was passed by a rising vote.

Committee on Visiting Committee's Travelling Expenses.—On the motion of Yoshito Tsuda, E. R. Fulkerson and Sogo Matsumoto were appointed to devise means by which the travelling expenses of the visiting committee to the schools could be paid.

Visitors to Chinzei Seminary.—The pastor of the Doshima Church and the pastor at Fukuoka were appointed to visit Chinzei Seminary.

Japanese Minutes.—On the motion of Keinosuke Kosaka the Japanese secretaries were authorized to print thirty copies of the Japanese Minutes two of which were to be for the archives of the Conference.

Sympathy with Prof. Vail.—Herbert B. Johnson offered the following resolution which was adopted:—

Whereas, Prof. M. S. Vail completely failed in health and was compelled to return home in February,

Resolved:—that we express to Bro. Vail and his family our deep sorrow at their affliction, our great pleasure on hearing that he is gradually improving and our hope that he may be fully and speedily restored to his former vigor.

Journal.—The Minutes of the afternoon session both English and Japanese were read, corrected and adopted.

Adjournment.—On motion of Herbert B. Johnson the Conference adjourned to meet after the temperance meeting this evening. E. R. Fulkerson pronounced the benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

The Conference was called to order by the chairman J. C. Davison at the close of the Temperance Anniversary.

Conference Lectures :—Shigeo Fujii presented a resolution requesting the arrangement of a course of lectures in connection with next year's session. On motion of Keinosuke Kosaka it was referred to the Committee on next year's Conference Program.

Adjournment :—Herbert B. Johnson moved and the Conference voted that, after the adoption of the minutes, reading of the appointments and devotional exercises, the Conference stand adjourned *sine die*. The minutes were then read and approved. J. C. Davison read the 2nd. chapter of Philippians. Hymn No. 294 was sung and Sogo Matsumoto led the Conference in prayer. J. C. Davison then read the appointments and after the doxology was sung dismissed the Conference with the benediction.

John C. Davison, President.

Henry B. Schwartz, Secretary.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who have been received by transfer and from what Conferences?
Tokutaro Nakamura, an Effective Elder from the California Conference and Henry B. Schwartz, an effective Elder from the New England Conference.
2. Who have been readmitted? *None.*
3. Who have been received on Credentials and from what Churches?
None.
4. Who have been received on trial? *None.*
5. Who have been continued on trial?
 (a) In the studies of the first year. *None.*
 (b) In the studies of the second year. Ukichi Kaneko, Noburu Kawasaki, Kiso Murai, Kuro Ijichi.
6. Who have been discontinued? *None.*
7. Who have been admitted into full membership? *None.*
8. What Members are in the Studies of the Third Year? *None.*
9. What Members are in the Studies of the Fourth Year? Kosaku Yoshioka.
10. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?
Shigeo Fujii. (Elected to Elder's Orders but not ordained)
11. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons. *None.*
12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders? *None.*
13. Was the Character of Each Preacher examined?
This was strictly done, as each preacher's name was called in open Conference.
14. Who have transferred and to what Conferences? *None.*
15. Who have died? *None.*
16. Who have been located at their own request? *None.*
17. Who have been located? *None.*
18. Who have Withdrawn? *None.*

19. Who have been premitted to withdraw under Charges or Complaints? *None.*
20. Who have been expelled? *None.*
21. What other personal Notation should be made? The change of name Shigeo Matsukuma to Shigeo Fujii, Kuro Nagai to Kuro Ijichi.
22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? *None.*
23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? *None.*
24. Who are the Triers of Appeals?
Keinosuke Kosaka, Sugo Matsumoto, Henry B. Schwartz, Epperson R. Fulkerson, Chiujo Nagano; Yoshito Tsuda, Tsunenari Otake.
25. What is the Statistical Report for the Year? See Statistics.
26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
Yen 121.41.
27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund? *Yen 149.*
28. What has been received on these claims and how has it been applied?
Balance of last Year's Book Concern Dividend and Interest, Yen 107.40
Collection 7.25
The balance (Yen 35.35) to be paid from Book Concern Dividend when it arrives.
29. Where are the Preachers Stationed? See Appointments.
30. Where shall the next Conference be held? Fukuoka.

APPOINTMENTS.

FUKUOKA DISTRICT

H. B. Johnson, Presiding Elder. P. O. Fukuoka.

Fukuoka Circuit,	. . . . .	K. Kosaka.
Hakata and Saga,	. . . . .	C. Nagano and One to be Supplied.
Kokura and Moji,	. . . . .	U. Kaneko.
Kurume and Yanagawa,	. . . . .	N. Kawasaki.
Kutami Circuit,	. . . . .	S. Fujii.
Omuta Circuit,	. . . . .	K. Ijichi.
Wakamatsu Circuit,	. . . . .	K. Yoshioka.

W. F. M. S.

Miss Leonora Seeds, Principal
Ei-wa Jo Gakko, and Supt. Evangelistic Work.
One Missionary to be Supplied.

NAGASAKI DISTRICT

J. C. Davison, Presiding Elder. P. O. Nagasaki.

Kagoshima Circuit,,	. . . . .	S. Matsumoto.
Kajiki Circuit,	. . . . .	U. Kawase. (Supply)
Kumamoto and Yatsushiro,	. . . . .	Y. Tsuda. Y. Narita (Supply).
Nagasaki : Deshima,	. . . . .	T. Nakamura. T. Tajima (Supply) S. Watanabe (Supply) One other Supply.
Kojimachi,	. . . . .	{ C. Nakayama. H. B. Schwartz.

Okinawa (Loo Choo), K. Murai.

Sendai, T. Otake.

Chinzei Seminary, Nagasaki, E. R. Fulkerson, Principal, H. B. Schwartz and U. Sasamori, Professors, the latter member of Deshima Quarterly Conference.—K. Kawase left without appointment to attend school.

M. S. Vail, absent in U. S.

W. F. M. S.

Kwassui Jo Gakko, Nagasaki, Miss Mariana Young, Principal. Miss Mary B. Melton, Biblical Department; English Department to be supplied; Latin and History, Miss Lola M. Kidwell; Absent in U. S., Miss Irene Lee, Miss Elizabeth Russell.

Evangelistic Work; Nagasaki District, Miss Jennie M. Gheer, Supt., and Miss Lida B. Smith, assistant, with residence at Kagoshima.

PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Thursday, May 3,

7, P. M., Missionary Sermon, Rev. K. Yoshioka.

Friday, May 4,

7. P. M., Church Extension Society Anniversary,

Speakers, T. Nakamura,

C. Nakayama.

Saturday, May 5:

2. P. M., Anniversary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

7. P. M. Anniversary of the Home Missionary Society.

Speakers, C. Nagano,

S. Matsumoto.

Sunday May 6.

- 9. 30 A. M. Love Feast led by S. Matsumoto,
- 10. 30. A. M. Conference Sermon, J. C. Davison,
- 2. P. M. Sunday-school Anniversary.

Speakers, K. Murai,
C. Nagano,

- 7. P. M. Sermon. K. Kosaka,

Monday May 7,

- 7. P. M. Educational Society Meeting.

Speakers. T. Otake,
U. Sasamori.

Tuesday May, 8,

- 7. P. M. Temperance Meeting.

Speakers, N. Kawasaki,
G. Tsuda.

REPORTS.

PRESIDING ELDERS.

FUKUOKA DISTRICT.

Herbert B. Johnson, Presiding Elder.

GENERAL SURVEY.

The Field.—In my report a year ago, in view of the beginning of our separate existence as a Mission Conference, I described the field quite minutely and also noted at some length the development of the work. Hence I will not enter into these details in this report.

The District then included the two provinces of Fukuoka and Saga. At Conference a part of the Higo Province was added, the boundary extending nearly to Kumamoto. Nagasu, where the orphans who are now at Koga were gathered after the great storm a few years ago, was annexed to the Omuta Charge. We have no Christians there but in view of the relation of the families to the orphanage the work should be continued. There are several towns along the railroad in this new territory, where as yet nothing has been done. The Kutami Circuit includes four country towns several miles apart and each ten or twelve miles from the railroad, namely,—Kutami, Waifu, Uchida and Yamaga. It was previously a part of the Kumamoto Charge and reported at the First Quarterly Conference 21 members and 9 probationers. These are the only numerical gains to the District by the addition of this large territory.

In my previous report, I stated that the Fukuoka province alone contains sixteen cities and towns of 5000 population and upwards, that no part of Japan is better supplied with means of communication, and that several are of the first importance industrially. During the year Moji and Kokura have become cities and Wakamatsu will soon follow.

Personal Mention.—God has laid His afflicting hand quite heavily upon several of the pastors during the year. In the autumn, the Death Angel claimed the little babe of Brother and Sister Kaneko, recently the father of Mrs. Matsukuma entered into rest, and several of the other pastors have either been sick or have had sickness in the family. Brother Nakayama was

very poorly for a time, but was able to resume work about the middle of March.

With the exception of a painful carbuncle at Christmas time, I have enjoyed the best of health during the year and am not embarrassed in recording that I have not spared myself. When at home I have been busy with Japanese study, sermon preparation, Bible class work, and with planning for District work. A very large part of my time has been spent away from home. Since New Years I have hardly been home at all. I have visited all of the charges including out appointments each quarter, and on account of mission business I have made one trip to Tokyo and six to Nagasaki. Three of the latter as well as a trip around the Nagasaki District, not including Loo Choo, were made necessary by the absence of Brother Davison. On account of a complete break down, Rev. M. S. Vail was compelled to return to America sooner than was expected, and it became necessary for Brother Davison to accompany him and hence for me to assume his duties as presiding Elder and treasurer. I reported this trip to the Nagasaki District Conference, but as Brother Davison is here today to represent his own District I have placed in his hands the information that I have gathered to be used as he may think best.

Plans of Work.—Special attention has been given during the year to Bible study, most if not all of the pastors teaching special classes. Brother Yoshioka has conducted several classes weekly in the homes of his members at and near Wakamatsu, brother Kosaka has had classes three times per week at Fukuoka, and I have had a most interesting week night class averaging twenty, besides a Sunday class when home. Until extra duties this spring prevented, I so planned my work as to be home nearly every Thursday evening though frequently it was the only night in the week that I was home. We are endeavoring to produce Bible Christians.

One object I had in dividing the Fukuoka Charge and in stationing a pastor at Hakata was to work the District as a large Circuit from Fukuoka as a center and thus utilize Brothers Kosaka and Nakayama as much as possible in assisting the younger pastors. They have both labored most willingly and efficiently. Special meetings have been held at several points with such good results that the pastors volunteered to give two per-cent of their salaries monthly to assist in defraying the traveling expenses of these and other brethren who went out to assist in this way.

Several new preaching places have been opened during the year and maintained with good promise. The obstacles this year in keeping such places open have been unusually great. Because of the persecution of the owners by their neighbors, and of a narrow interpretation of instructions from the Home Department on the part of sub-officials, frequent changes have been necessary, but almost without exception these changes have been for the better.

District Meetings,—During the year, two meetings of all the workers on the District have been held with excellent results. The first was a four day's meeting in October at Fukuoka, with the double object of helping the workers as much as possible and of strengthening the local churches. There were six prayer-meetings, five special sessions for workers, and five public services at which eleven addresses were delivered. Special attention was given to the subject of Methods of Evangelistic Work. Rev. A. Oltmans, Prof. Sasamori and Brother Jiuji Nakada rendered valuable assistance. A similar meeting has been arranged for on the Kutami Charge this autumn.

The second meeting was in connection with our District Conference at Wakamatsu in March. Here again Dr. Sasamori was of great help to us. In the meetings for mutual help, such subjects as Village Preaching, Pastoral Visiting, Christ's Love for Souls, and the Twentieth Century Movement were discussed, while at the public services the burden of all the addresses was Christ:—His Life, His Atonement, His Influence, His Relation to Morals, and His Relation to Japan. All returned from both meetings greatly profited and full of hope. The spirit of unity and co-operation on the District this year has been remarkable.

Self-Support:—The churches are all following faithfully the plan of self-support adopted at our last Conference and seem to like it. They have all made a fine advance this year and have promised a still larger advance after Conference. The figures are Yen 20.33 per month against Yen 14 last year, with a further advance after Conference of Yen 10.50. This more than doubles the contributions for pastoral support during two years. Quite extensive property improvements have also been made which will be referred to under the several churches.

Other Advances:—The reports presented at the District Conference were most encouraging. I present a few figures showing the gains,—Adults Baptised 11 to 46, Children 4 to 13, Probationers 64 to 87, Members 234 to 266, Sunday-schools 12 to 16, Rented Preaching Places 7 to 16, Pastoral Visits 1182 to 2282, Benvolent Collections Yen 39.50 to 71.08. These, with gains above noted, show a year of hard work and of rich blessing.

PARTICULAR MENTION.

Fukuoka:—Were it not for the gains, the situation at Fukuoko would be most discouraging. Fifty members save one have removed by letter or died. Forty one removals by letter were reported at the First Quarterly Conference but of these fifteen became charter members of the new Hakata Society. Many moved to distant parts of Japan and are thus lost both to the District and to the Conference. However the Church has had a very prosperous year and has done much toward regaining the

former number. Eleven adults and one infant have been baptised. Enough members have come in from probation to about half overcome the loss, the pastor now reporting 110 members against 136 at last Conference. A preaching place was opened early in the year near the western park and six Sunday-schools have been maintained. Quite extensive repairs have been made on the Church and Japanese parsonage, the members raising about yen forty. With reduced numbers and with less help from the missionaries than last year, after meeting its current expenses, the church has raised Yen eight per month for pastoral support, the same as last year, and promises a further advance of Yen four monthly next year.

Fukuoka Girl's School.:—The school also started the new year under disheartening circumstances, Miss Seeds being left entirely alone to do such teaching as must be done by a missionary, not to speak of managing the school, and in addition to superintend the Bible women of the District. As though this were not enough, the appropriations were reduced by the transfer of certain gifts to another station, thus making it almost impossible to secure adequate assistance. But she has kept up bravely and has had the great joy of seeing the attendance larger than for several years, the dormitories filled to overflowing, the school openly recognized by the government as a Christian school, and several students baptised. She has made several evangelistic trips to the great encouragement of the Bible women and the churches. Though Mrs. Toyama and other Japanese teachers are of great assistance, Miss Seeds must have help at once. It will be a serious mistake to continue thus another year.

Hakata and Saga.:—I have above referred to trouble in securing and keeping preaching places. Hakata is an illustration. It was difficult to find a house at all. When the work had nicely opened, this place had to be abandoned. For a time, with the money at our disposal, it was even difficult to find a house for the pastor except in Fukuoka. Finally, by advancing fifty yen of personal funds, a most desirable place was secured in the very heart of the city combining preaching place and parsonage, and Brother Nakayama has the honor of being the first pastor of any church to reside in Hakata. Almost immediately after moving in, he was taken seriously ill and was not able to resume work until about the time of our District Conference. Thus after a year of trial and effort we are just ready to begin. Two preaching places are now maintained, one in a members house, and three Sunday-schools are carried on with an attendance of about fifty. One adult and six children have been baptised. The Church gave two Yen monthly for pastoral support last year and promises three after Conference.

Three Christians and six inquirers at Saga is a poor showing after all that we have tried to do. Brother Yokojima who went there as assistant pastor is a good and faithful brother and did the best he could, but it became

apparent that a change must be made after Conference and I thought it best to make it in February. Brother Yokojima removed to Wakamatsu and is assisting in the church there but has no relation to the Missionary Society. Three things are true,—Saga is a very important place, it has never had a fair chance, and the best man to be found must be appointed there at this Conference. Besides meeting their current expenses, the few Christians have given Yen ten for pastoral support.

Kokura and Moji.:—The difficulty in securing a suitable preaching place in Kokura has been even greater than in Hakatai. This has been the most discouraging feature of the work. Much of the time preaching has been conducted in a private house. Brother Kaneko has held weekly meetings also at Moji, at Kitagata and at Jono. Two adults and one infant have been baptised, and there has been a net increase of two members and two probationers on the Charge. The church increased from one to two yen per month last year for pastoral support and promises three from this Conference.

Regular preaching services at Moji were opened during the year. For several years the Kokura pastor has visited there regularly but no public services were held. Owing to the very high rents we are too far out of town, but the attendance and interest have been good. An idea of the importance and prosperity of the place can be gathered from its having become a city and from the establishment of eleven banks there. This is our opportunity and we cannot afford to lose it.

Kurume and Yanagawa.:—Brother Kawasaki has put in a year of faithful work in these two large places without much to encourage him. He has also conducted a weekly Bible class at Yabakawa. One adult has been baptised there and two at Yanagawa. The latter belong to an association of young men connected with the Government Academy banded together for Bible study and self improvement. Brother Kawasaki has been very closely identified with this society of young men. The charge has paid three yen monthly for pastoral support and has promised four yen and fifty sen after Conference. It has also increased one fourth on Benevolent Collections. There are several candidates for baptism about ready at Kurume. A Bible woman has recently been sent to reside and work there, greatly to the encouragement of the little band of Christians. No place on the District has been embarrassed more in regard to preaching places.

Kutami Circuit.:—As this Charge was annexed to the District at Conference, I have described it above. Brother Matsukuma (Fujii) has maintained four preaching places, has travelled extensively and visited much, and has had nine adult baptisms and an increase of four members and three probationers. The work is particularly hopeful at Kutami and at Waifu. This Charge increased from fifty sen to one yen per month for pastoral support

this year and will double again next. The Sunday-school has been organized into a Missionary Society and all of the collections have been increased.

Omuta :—This without doubt has for years been the most discouraging field in the District. Two members have died during the year, one being a former student at Fukuoka and a beautiful character. A druggist, who after many exhortations and repeated promises declined to cease selling wine and beer, at our request withdrew from the Church his wife following him. Brother Nagai (Ijichi) has been instant in season and out of season and has the first place on the District as a visitor. The probationers have increased from four to thirteen and two infants and two adults have been baptised. Through the help of the Missionary Society much needed repairs have been made to the Church. As noted above, work has been carried on regularly at Nagasu where the orphans at Koga were rescued.

Wakamatsu :—I have followed the order of the appointments and have thus kept the best until the last. Wakamatsu Church has paid Yen 100 on the Church debt and another hundred on account of interest and further improvement. From borrowed money it has built a parsonage at a cost of Yen 422 with the assurance that the accounts are to be kept entirely distinct and that the church building is not to be endangered in any way. It was immediately rented for twelve yen per month and will soon pay for itself after which time the income will assist in paying the debt on the church and lot. Until such good time the pastor is comfortably provided for in the upper rooms of the church. This Society increased from Yen one to two and a half monthly last year and will increase to Yen five from this Conference. There has been a gain in membership from fifteen to twenty six and in probationers from twelve to twenty six. Eighteen adults and three infants have been baptised. Two of these lived at Yedamitsu, across the bay, and by their generosity a preaching place has been opened there. Brother Yoshioka has also taken up work at Nogata where he has preached twice per month. This is a very important place up the railroad from Wakamatsu and in the centre of the coal field.

It is due to Mrs. Saruda, the faithful and zealous Bible woman, that a public record be made of her efficient work. Humanly speaking this success would not have been possible without her co-operation. Would that we had twenty five just such for various points in the District! There are now but six,—at Wakamatsu, Fukuoka, Hakata, Kurume, and two at Yanagawa.

Closing Words :—During the year Love Feasts have been held on all the charges in connection with the Quarterly Meetings, in many places for the first time, and they have proven a great blessing. The Class Meeting has also been magnified as a means of grace and is much more widely observed than formerly. We may use the means but God must give the increase. To Him be all the praise for the success of the year.

NAGASAKI DISTRICT

J. C. Davison, Presiding Elder.

At the opening of the Conference year which has just passed, the condition of the work on the Nagasaki District was certainly most hopeful. All the workers seemed impelled by a common purpose to make the most of their opportunities and score a good record in financial as well as spiritual results, and while commendable success has been attained, it has been in the face of no ordinary discouragements at certain points.

My own task of reporting upon the condition of the District is rendered especially embarrassing by reason of the sad providence which necessitated an absence of two and a half months on my recent trip to California in charge of our afflicted Bro. Prof. Vail, thus interfering with my *fourth quarterly* rounds in addition to other important interests needing special attention. My sincere thanks are due Bro. Johnson for the time and labor spent in going over the District besides attending to the duties of Treasurer during my absence.

Chief among the material discouragements of the year was the total collapse of our church building in Kagoshima, occasioned by a terrific typhoon in August last, since which time our pastor has been compelled to hold all his various services in the homes of the people. The loss of their Church was a severe blow to this struggling society especially at this time of exceptionally high prices in lumber and labor occasioned by the opening up of the railway, but under the inspiring leadership of their pastor Bro. Matsumoto they are working with a zeal which knows no defeat. I am happy to report the favorable consideration of a plea for special relief from the Missionary Society of our Church, for the purpose of rebuilding, and with the addition of 250 yen promised by the members of the church and congregation we hope to proceed at once to rebuild the church and put a comfortable parsonage on the same lot.

Special mention should be made of the signal service of Misses Gheer and Smith for generous contributions and for putting their house at the disposal of the pastor and people at the regular Sunday evening meetings which have been well attended and productive of great good. These ladies were warmly welcomed to their new field where their influence has greatly encouraged both pastor and people.

At *Kajiki* Bro. Murai has had an encouraging year, several persons have been baptized and others enrolled as enquirers. Some whose zeal had quite lapsed have again come forward and taken up the active duties of the church. The outlook is also encouraging at *Kokubu* some eight miles distant. *Kamo* has not proven so responsive to the efforts of the pastor in her behalf.

A visit of *thirteen* days with our people in Okinawa, in November last, was most reassuring. Bro. Nagano, with his corps of devoted workers has wrought nobly. And as a result has realized the joy of seeing multitudes born into the Master's Kingdom. One

great secret of his success has been his faculty of enlisting the services of his leading members in the work of evangelization. At no place on the District have I seen in recent years such numbers in attendance upon the preaching of the Word. No place was found large enough indoors to accommodate the people. A new church is one of the special needs of the growing charge and a fund has already been established for this purpose.

A much larger place than we have hitherto occupied has been secured as headquarters for our work. The Sunday school is remarkably well organized and numbers fully a hundred or more. The two Bible women are enthusiastic in support of all branches of the Christian work. Self-support is kept prominently before the people with correspondingly favorable results. The church promises to pay one fourth of the pastors salary on the present basis.

At *Sendai* Bro. Otake is beginning to reap for his sowing of the past two years. A better and more attractive preaching place is imperatively needed to commend our work to the notice of the community. Special repairs to the amount of ten yen and fifty sen were added to the room last fall, but still it is not what it ought to be. The work at *Miyanojo* is still maintained as during last year.

The work at *Yatsushiro* has been connected with that at Kumamoto during the past year and served by Bro. Narita who went to his first pastorate at the close of the school in Nagasaki last June. He was unable for a couple of months to find a house suitable for his family and the work. Regular visits are maintained at *Kagami*, ten miles north of Yatsushiro where there are a number of baptized members of several years standing.

Our call for a resident Missionary to aid in the work at Kumamoto failed for want of funds last year. But we hope ere long to secure this much needed help. The strength of Bro. Tsuda the pastor has not been sufficient to meet the demands of this large city to say nothing of the many towns in close proximity, and the oversight of the work at Yatsushiro. The church building is suffering for want of the repairs which has been delayed by reason of my trip to California but this will receive early attention at the close of this session of Conference.

The presence and help of Profs. Yoyama and Kimura of the high middle school, have been of great benefit to our work in Kumamoto. Their influence as Christian educators is bound to be more and more felt in this centre of literary activity where we already have a number of earnest young converts in this highest school in the whole island. Promise for pastor 5. at Kumamoto and .70 at Yatsushiro.

Bro. Watanabe has labored faithfully and with encouraging success at Omura where hitherto we have reaped very sparingly in return for our labor bestowed. Bro. Watanabe has visited Sasebo regularly every month. His work at Omura has been greatly facilitated by the efforts of Miss Melton on behalf of the women of that locality. It is to be regretted that we have not the funds to provide a more eligible plan for regular evangelistic services.

Kojiamachi under the care of Bro. Sunamoto has made good its pledge made at last Conference to furnish twenty Yen per month for pastor besides paying all other

incidental expenses which were not small. A considerable sum was expended on repairs and furnishing the audience room which is the most comfortable of all our kogisho not furnished with foreign seats. Several have been baptized and quite a number removed by letter. While no advance in self-support is promised for the coming year, twenty yen per month will continue to be paid, which is very liberal for this congregation.

The Deshima church mourned greatly the loss of its pastor Bro. Kawase who left for California in June, and in September became pastor of our Mission church in Oakland where he is greatly beloved as he was in our midst. His work was supplied by Bro. T. Tajima until the arrival from America of Bro. T. Nakamura who has faithfully administered the duties of his office since early in October.

This church has paid the full amount of its pastor's salary during the Conference year just closed and it is to be hoped that even a more liberal grant may be provided for the year to come. As was to be expected, a larger number of baptisms will be found in connection with this church than at any other point on the District. The special Evangelistic and Gospel Temperance meetings of Bros. Nagano and Miyama contributed no doubt to the general result.

The embarrassment to our school work resulting from the attitude assumed by the Department of Education proved happily less serious than had been anticipated. Kwassui Jo Gakko lost a few names from its rolls in the lower grades, Chinzei Gakkwan, however continues with even greater numbers than before. In fact many students have been turned away for want of room.

In connection with Chinzei Seminary it becomes my sad duty to report so serious a breakdown in the health of Prof. Vail as to necessitate an immediate transfer to the United States in the middle of February. Where his family followed him only five days later. Having accompanied Prof. Vail and watched the progress of his case during the voyage of twenty days to San Francisco, and also during the month following, I am happy to state that substantial restoration will no doubt be the result of protracted rest from mental work during the next year or two. The vacancy thus occasioned in the working force of the school was most providentially supplied by the coming of Bro. H. B. Schwartz who with his family arrived from America only a few days before the departure of Prof. Vail.

It had been our hope to secure Bro. Schwartz for our work in Kumamoto, but Providence has dictated otherwise and we bespeak for him the greatest usefulness in the position to which he has been assigned, hoping that in due time another may be found to take the place we had expected him to fill.

In addition to the loss of Prof. Vail and family of the Chinzei Gakkwan, the working force of Kwassui Jo Gakko has been reduced by the departure of Miss Irene E. Lee who returns to the United States on a much needed furlough after six years of laborious service in Japan. Miss L. M. Kidwell expects to follow later on.

The families of the Rev. E. R. Fulkerson and the writer have also recently returned to their homes in America on account of the education of their children.

Appointments	Salary	Rents	Total Expenditures	Self Support	Balance Needed
Nagasaki: Deshima	200.		200.	200.	
" Omura	160.	56.	216.		216.
" Umamachi		32.	32.		32.
" Fukabori		16.	16.		16.
" Kojiyamachi	216.		216.	160.	56.
Okinawa (Loo choo)	224.	79.20	303.20	70.	233.20
Sendai	240.	48.	288.	12.	276.
T. Sunamoto (Special)	50.		50.		50.
	3216.	811.20	4037.20	784.64	3252.56
Less Special	363.72		363.72		363.72
	2162.28	811.20	3673.48	784.64	2888.84

Respectfully submitted

J. C. Davison

H. B. Johnson

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

We recommend that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the following claims all growing out of personal or family sickness, as soon as the necessary funds are in hand.

Keinosuke Kosaka	...	...	...	...	...	Yen	40.
Chiujo Nagano...	...	...	...	...	...		40.
Shigeo Fujii	...	...	...	...	...		20.
Chiujo Nakayama	...	...	...	...	...		25.
Yoshito Tsuda	...	...	...	...	...		20.
Tsunenari Otake	...	...	...	...	...	4.	..... 149.

We further recommend that hereafter so far as possible all requests from probationers receive the endorsement of their Quarterly Conference before they are presented to the Conference.

C. Nakayama, Chairman.

S. Matsumoto, Sec'y.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO AUDIT
TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.*Dr.*

To Book Concern Dividend (\$86.00 Gold)...	Yen	170.00
" Conference Claimants Collection		5.40
Total	Yen	175.40

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By paid C. Nagano	Yen	20.00
" " N. Kawasaki		10.00
" " K. Kosaka		20.00
" " S. Matsuguma		7.00
" " C. Nakayama		15.00
Balance	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		<u>103.40</u>
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		175.40

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. Fulkerson.

Acting Treasurer.

Nagasaki, May 3, 1900.

U. Sasamori

S. Matsumoto

Audited and found correct,

TREASURER'S REPORT 1900.

	Missionary Society	Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Education	Bible Society	W. F. M. Society	Home Missionary Society	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund	Totals
Nagasaki Fukuoka District	31.31	15.45	1.35	1.45	3.97	1.45	—	16.10	1.85	4.13	77.06
District	28.05	17.85	—	3.65	13.26	3.62	1.10	18.74	5.40	7.89	99.56
Total	59.36	33.30	1.35	5.10	17.23	5.07	1.10	34.84	7.25	12.02	176.62

Herbert B. Johnson,

Treasurer.

COMMITTEES

BENEVOLENCES

The increase in the gifts of the churches for benevolences this year is very encouraging. Home Missions and Church Extension have naturally made the greatest gains owing to the organization of the conference societies, but Foreign Missions has a fine gain also. With a few exceptions there have been gains in all the collections on both districts and in all the charges. We appeal to the pastors to continue to push these important interests. The figures for the year are as follows.

Causes	Fukuoka District				Nagasaki District				Totals			
	1900	1899	Increase	Decrease	1900	1899	Increase	Decrease	1900	1899	Increase	Decrease
Foreign Missions	31	17	13	81	28	31	3	36	59	49	10	18
Home Missions	16	10	9	05	18	15	3	14	34	22	12	19
W. F. M. S.	15	45	12	35	1	80	30		1	1	15	
Church Extension	1	3	15		17	9	8	09	33	13	20	24
Sunday School Union	1	35	1	35					1	35	1	35
Tracts	1	45	50		3	27	38		5	10	3	88
Education	3	97	4	03	13	9	3	86	17	23	3	83
Bible Society	1	45	55		3	07	55		5	07	1	10
Conference Claimants	1	85	55		5	4	1	30	7	25	1	85
Episcopal Fund	4	13	58		7	90	1	99	12	02	2	57
Totals.	77	38	38	38	99	83	19	61	76	122	54	19

C. Nagano,
H. B. Johnson,
T. Nakamura,

BIBLE AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE.

The value which our church places upon the work of the Bible Society is seen from the fact that year by year we have taken a collection for its work.

But we are of the opinion that its work as well as the work of our own Publishing House ought to be made more available to the Christians of Kiu-shiu than it has been yet. The Bible Society has a small depository in Nagasaki but there is no place within seven hundred miles where our hymn-books and other publications can be obtained. The Bible Societies are willing to combine with our Publishing House in establishing a joint depository but thus far no arrangements can be made with the publishing house. We think it is too much to require one of our missionaries to become personally responsible before a stock be placed here, and we again call upon the Publishing House to complete some arrangement by which we may be able to avail ourselves of their work.

As long as this conference grants an annual subsidy to the Publishing House we think our oft repeated requests in this matter are entitled to more consideration.

We also think a report of the condition of the Publishing house should be sent to this Conference as well as to the Japan Conference.

We recommend the Conference to appoint two members, one missionary and one Japanese, to serve on the publishing committee as requested by the publishing house last year.

It has been a pleasure to welcome the Editor of the Gokyo, Bro. Bessho again this year and to hear his report. We pledge ourselves to help him in his efforts to improve the paper and to increase its circulation.

We commend the TOKIWA, our woman's magazine to the attention of our people. Every family would be the better for its monthly visits.

Uichiro Sasamori.

Ukichi Kaneko.

Henry B. Schwartz.

PUBLISHING WORK.*

J. L. Cowen, Agent.

When the Book Concern of the M. E. Church in America was established, the total capital was \$600., contributed by a few members of the church who had faith in the outcome of the venture and also felt that the young church

* This report was received too late to be presented to Conference.

—Secretary

could not get along without the aid of a publishing plant. The first intention was to furnish the necessary church literature to the people at the lowest cost and under their own direction.

This publishing house struggled for many years until its final success has proven the wisdom of the undertaking. Its property is today worth millions of dollars, and its profits amounting to many thousands each year, is paid back to the needy preachers who have done so much towards its success in spreading the books and papers over the church.

We take it that some such idea was in the minds and hearts of the men who established the Methodist Publishing House in Japan. There is scarcely a dissenting voice today as to the need of the Mission Press in mission work. We have now a plan on foot that with the aid of the Missionary Society we think will lead to the early completion of a new building for press and store that will be a credit to our work and facilitate the publishing of all kinds of printed matter at a much less cost and in a more satisfactory manner. We have the lot, 80 feet square, in a very fine location paid for, and about 15,000 yen in hands for the building of a new Publishing House. The Missionary Society has approved our request to ask the church for \$25,000. from the 20th Century Thank Offering Fund, with which to complete and furnish the building.

We have had a very prosperous year. The report following will show a large increase on all lines. During the year we have taken charge of the Industrial Press at Aoyama. Adding to it by purchase, a new press, a stereotype foundry and also an electro type foundry for making our own type. We are sadly in need of a building and must remove from the present one before the fall winds, as it is now in a very dangerous condition.

The plan of co-operative publication of S. S. literature has this year been augmented by the addition to the Committee of the Congregational and Baptist Missions. There has been a very substantial increase in sales of literature and we trust they will soon be self supporting.

Total number of volumes (books) published during the year								25,450.
"	"	"	"	tracts	"	"	"	123,000.
"	"	"	"	S. S. Literature	"	"	"	274,000.
"	"	"	"	Michino Shiori	"	"	"	7,250
"	"	"	"	All kinds	"	"	"	429,700.
"	"	"	"	pages printed	"	"	"	5,710,000.

The above does not include thousands of tracts, magazines, books, both in English and Japanese and much work of a general character done at our printing house during the year.

Total sales for the year 11,798.32; an increase over last year 3,228.02. Total increase in receipts from all sources including the printing department yen 10,868 00.

Value of stock on hand in book store yen		.....11,113.72
"	"	" printing department " 1,500.00

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

We recommend that K. Kawase be left without an appointment to attend some one of our schools.

S. Matsumoto.
K. Yoshioka.
E. R. Fulkerson.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

Your Committee have carefully examined the records of the Fukuoka and Nagasaki District Conferences and find them very correct and very neatly kept.

Tokutaro Nakumura.
Shigeo Fujii.
Noboru Kawasaki.

EDUCATION.

Methodism stands for the highest type of Christian life. Kyushiu Methodism must not lower the standard but bear it aloft. The children and young people of our Methodist families, and those constantly joining our ranks, must have the best facilities for brain and heart culture.

As our Christian schools have been founded to meet these demands, we recommend that pronounced Christian teachers be selected as rapidly as possible to fill the various positions on the faculties of our schools.

The blessings of the divine Father have rested upon our schools during the past year. The new Private School Regulations have proved a blessing rather than a hindrance in most cases. We rejoice that the Fukuoka Jo Gakko is very prosperous, and that it has been officially recognized as a Christian school.

In order to secure greater success in our educational work, we recommend the following:

1. While Kwassui Jo Gakko is very prosperous, we are of the opinion that the physical health of the students should be more carefully looked after.
2. That an effort be made to secure 60,000 yen from the Twentieth Century Offering for Chinzei Gakkwan, which is now very prosperous.
3. That a building be secured as soon as possible so that the Head Teacher of Chinzei Gakkwan may live near the school.
4. That a Shakan be secured, and that he be required to give his full time to that work.

5. That some arrangement be made to pay the traveling expenses of the Conference visiting committee so that they may visit the school during the annual examination.

6. That an additional foreign lady be sent to the Fukuoka Jo Gakko as soon as possible.

K. Kosaka.
Y. Tsuda.
N. Kawasaki.
E. R. Fulkerson.

OHINZEI GAKKWAN.

Another year, with its joys and sorrows, has passed into history. In some respects, it has been an eventful year; but, at its close, we can truly say that all the way the Master has led us.

Early in November the school came under the Government Regulations for Private Schools. In spite of all our fears, the change has strengthened our position as an educational center. While we have been forced to a more complete organization, the character of the school as a distinctively Christian institution has in no way been changed. The attendance steadily increased during the year, the total enrollment being 239. Twelve men were graduated at the close of the school year. We are very greatly in need of new buildings and better equipment.

The serious sickness of Prof. Vail cast an indescribable gloom over the school during the early part of Feb. Many prayers were offered for his complete recovery. Having been ordered to give up part of his work, the services of Mr. Pierce were secured from the first of Jan. He continued in the school till Bro. Schwartz took up the work about the 20th of Feb. While we reluctantly gave up Prof. Vail, we rejoice that his place has been so satisfactorily filled by the appointment of one who has had experience as a teacher in Japan.

The religious work of the school has been very satisfactory. Quite a number have been converted. Bro. J. Nakada spent a week with us during the Winter term. His coming was a great blessing to our Christian students.

We again request all our pastors to visit the school and inspect our work. Brethren, pray for us that we may properly direct the young men committed to us.

Respectfully submitted,
E. R. Fulkerson,
Principal.



EPWORTH LEAGUE AND SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

In as much as we believe that the work of saving and training souls cannot be successfully carried out unless it is done orderly and according to the Discipline and that for such work the Epworth League and the Sunday-school are very important we recommend

(1.) That Epworth Leagues and Sunday-schools be organized in every Church, and that the work of the Church should be strengthened.

(2.) That in each Epworth League and Sunday-school the interest in Home and Foreign Missions should be stirred up.

(3.) That a Sunday School Board shall be organized in every Charge and that the lessons and other matters be carefully considered.

(4.) That if all departments of the Epworth League cannot be carried some of them should be started.

Keinosuke Kosaka.
Kiso Murai.

FRATERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMORIALS.

The following communications have been received and your Committee recommend their reference as indicated below :

1. From the Kokubu Church, on the division of the Kajiki Charge.
To the Chairman of the Conference.

2. From the Fukuoka District Conference.

a. On the Twentieth Century Offering.
To the Conference.

b. On the use of the Home Missionary Collections.
To the Home Missionary Society.

3. Fraternal letter from the Japan Annual Conference.

4. From Rev. K. Yokojima.

5. Fraternal letter from Rev. W. R. Weakley of the M. E. Church South.

6. A telegram from Rev. J. W. Wadman.

We recommend that your Committee be instructed to answer the fraternal communications.

E. R. Fulkerson.
K. Ijichi.
U. Sasamori.

TEMPERANCE AND SABBATH OBSERVATION.

We greatly rejoice at the prosperous condition of the National Temperance League as reported at its second general meeting.

The visit of the Rev. K. Miyama, the temperance evangelist and Mrs. Large, the Secretary of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, within the bounds of the conference was very fruitful in results.

The passage by the Imperial Diet of the act prohibiting the use of tobacco by minors and the subsequent instructions of the minister of Education on the subject are causes of great rejoicing. We feel that our thanks are due to Brother Sho Nemoto, to whose efforts its passage is largely due.

Your committee recommend.

(1.) That the days appointed in our Sunday-school lessons for temperance instruction be observed in all our churches not only by teaching the lesson but also by sermons, lectures and other exercises; and that those Sunday schools which do not take our lessons leaves, observe not less than one Sunday a quarter in this way.

(2.) We also recommend the organization of temperance societies auxiliary to the National Temperance League in every church where it is possible to do so.

Closely allied to temperance work is the observation of the Sabbath. We recognize the difficulties in the way of its proper observance, but we must not grow weary in our efforts until all our people come to observe the day not only as a mere day of rest from labor but as a day of spiritual improvement.

The importance of attendance upon the public services of the church needs to be insisted upon. The church will never flourish while its members allow company or business or pleasure to keep them from its sacred services.

We need also to preach on the Christian home life and to do all we can, by the circulation of good literature and otherwise, to make it possible for our people to observe the day during the hours they spend in their homes.

Tsunenare Otake.

Shigeo Fujii.

Henry B. Schwartz.

SELF SUPPORT.

It is with pleasure that we note both the increase in the gifts for pastoral support during the year and the promises for the coming year. Fukuoka District gave last year yen 168.18, this year yen 251. and promises yen 377. for the coming year, an increase of 10.50 per month. Nagasaki District gave yen 467.27 last year, yen 664.50 this year, and promises yen 777.90 for the year to come, an increase of yen 9.45 per month. It must be noted, however, that last year was only nine months long.

We recommend the continuance of the plan of self support adopted last year with the following modifications, the contributions of the churches to be paid in April, August and December, instead of at the close of the year, and

the appointment of the estimating committee at the third quarterly conference to report at the fourth, instead of being appointed at the fourth.

We recommend to the Stewards of the various charges to make their payments to the pastors on or before the fifth of the month, following the plan of the Mission Treasurer.

C. Nagano.
C. Nakayama.
H. B. Johnson.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND.

Your committee have considered the memorial of the Fukuoka District Conference regarding the Twentieth Century movement and recommend (1.) that in accordance with the call of our Bishops we endeavor to do our utmost to increase the number of baptisms during the next conference year. (2.) We also recommend the utmost endeavor to raise a suitable offering for the Twentieth Century Fund on one of three lines as may be desired by the individual or the church:—(1 Local Church Building and Debt Paying. (2) A special Twentieth Century Church Extension Fund. (3.) College Endowment.

(3) We recommend the appointment of the Presiding Elders and one pastor from each district and the Secretary of the Home Missionary Society, as a General Committee to consider and promote the Twentieth Century movement.

(4.) At the First Quarterly Conference the Presiding Elders shall bring the matter before each Quarterly Conference which shall then appoint a committee.

Uichiro Sasamori.
Chiujo Nakayama.
Herbert B. Johnson.
Henry B. Schwartz.

COURSES OF STUDY

CONFERENCE COURSE

ADMISSION TO CONFERENCE

1. Chinese Literature—Nihon Seiki, Hachidaika.
2. Composition—Essay in Chinese or Japanese.
3. Mathematics—Arithmetic and Algebra.
4. History—Hagiwara's History of Nihon and Swinton's Outlines of the World, translated.
5. Geography.
6. Physics—Elementary.
7. A general Examination on the Bible—Matthew, Romans, and I. and II. Kings.
8. Theology—Positive Theology— Lowry.
9. Discipline—Parts I.—II.

FIRST YEAR.

1. Ethics—Elements of Ethics— Janet.
2. Evidences of Christianity— Davis.
3. Tongue of Fire— Arthur.
4. New Testament Theology— J. Wier.
5. Systematic Theology—Vol. I. . . . Raymond.
6. Exegesis—Genesis and Exodus.
7. Bible History—(for the present year.) . . . Russell.
8. Discipline—Parts III—V.
9. Written Sermon.

SECOND YEAR

1. Logic— Jevon.
2. Evidences of Christianity— Hopkins.

3. Life of Christ—. Imbrie.
4. Introduction to the Old Testament—. H. B. Johnson.
5. Systematic Theology—Vol. II. Raymond.
6. History of Methodism—. Daniels.
7. Exegesis—Joshua, Isaiah and Acts.
8. Discipline—Parts VII—IX.
9. Written Sermon.

THIRD YEAR

1. Psychology—Vol. I. Sully.
2. History of Doctrine—. Sheldon.
3. Systematic Theology—Vol. III. Raymond.
4. Homiletics—. MacLay.
5. Introduction to the New Testament—. D. S. Spencer.
6. Exegesis—Psalms and Romans.
7. Church History—To the Modern Church Learned.
8. Life of Wesley—. C. Bishop.
9. Introduction to Political Economy,
10. Written Sermon.

FOURTH YEAR

1. Psychology—Vol. II. Sully.
2. History of Doctrine—. Sheldon.
3. Theology—Theism Bowne.
- The Atonement. Miley.
4. Church Polity—Comparative Church Polity. D. S. Spencer.
5. Exegesis—The Minor Prophets, Hebrews, I. and II. Timothy and James.
6. Church History—From Reformation to Present. Sheldon.
7. Written Sermon.

*Those who take Miley's Systematic Theology are excused from Miley's Atonement.

LOCAL PREACHER'S COURSE OF STUDY

PREPARATORY

1. Japanese History.
2. Outlines of Physics.
3. Discipline, Part I.
4. Evidences of Christianity Davis.
5. Methodist Catechism, No. II.
6. I. and II. Kings and Matthew.

FIRST YEAR

1. Discipline, Part II.
2. Old Testament History.
3. Positive Theology Lowry.
4. Ethics Janet.
5. Genesis and Romans.

SECOND YEAR

1. Discipline, Part III.
2. Old Testament History.
3. Systematic Theology, Vol. I. Raymond.
4. Life of Christ, First Half Imbrie.
5. Homiletics. Maclay.
6. Exodus and Hebrews.
7. Written Sermon.

THIRD YEAR

1. Discipline, Part IV.
2. Church History Learned.
3. Introduction to the New Testament D. S. Spencer.
4. Systematic Theology, Vol. II. Raymond.
5. Old Testament Theology Oehler.
6. Life of Christ, Second Half Imbrie.

7. Isaiah.
8. Corinthians.
9. Written Sermon.

FOURTH YEAR

1. Discipline, Part IV.
2. Church History, Second Half Learned.
3. Systematic Theology, Vol III. Raymond.
4. Introduction to the Old Testament. H. B. Johnson.
5. Psalms and I. and II. Timothy.
6. Written Sermon.

LOCAL ELDER'S ORDERS

Review of the following :—

Raymond's Theology.

Bible History.

Church History. Learned.

Discipline.

COURSE IN JAPANESE FOR MISSIONARIES

(Figures in Brackets indicate *first* and *second* Terms respectively).

FIRST YEAR

1. Chinese Characters...Shintai Toku-hon, Vols. I, II(1) ; Vol. III(2).
2. Reading.....Hymnal and Gospels (1).
3. Translation.....Colloquial Mark into English (2).
4. Conversation.....With a person unacquainted with English (1,2).
5. Grammar.....Aston on the Spoken Language (1).
Chamberlain's Handbook, to the Verb (2).

SECOND YEAR

1. Chinese Characters.....Shintai Toku-hon, Vol. IV. (1) ; Vol. V(2).

2. Translation.....Acts and Epistle of James into English and Colloquial Japanese (1) ; Benkyoka no Tomo, Part I (2).
3. Conversation.....With a Person unacquainted with English (1,2).
4. Original Composition.....Subject assigned by Examiner (1,2).
5. Grammar.....Chamberlain's Handbook, *from* Verb (1).
6. Reciting from Memory.....Ten Commandments and Beatitudes(1).
7. Prayer (reciting from Memory)-Forms in Ritual, ¶ 442-448 (2).
8. Writing *Katakana* (1).

THIRD YEAR

1. Chinese Characters.....Shintai Toku-hon, Vols. VI(1) ; VII (2).
2. Translation.....Benkyoka no Tomo, Part II (1) ; Genesis and Ephesians (1) ; Chamberlain's Romanized Readers, *to* Lesson XXXIII (2) ; Kyo Dowa, Lectures I, II (2).
3. ConversationWith a Person unacquainted with English (1,2).
4. Original Composition.....Subject assigned by Examiner (1,2).
6. Exposition of Scripture.....Extempore—Selection given (2).
7. Grammar.....Imbrie's Etymology, Chaps. 1-5 (1) ; Chaps. 6-10(2).
8. Reciting from Memory.....John XIV, 1. Cor. XIII (2).
9. Writing *Hirakana* (1).

FOURTH YEAR

1. Chinese Characters...Shintai Toku-hon, Vol. VII(1); Review (2).
2. Translation.....Ritual (1); Psalms, I-LXXII(1) ; Chamberlain's Romanized Readers, *from* Lesson XXXIV(2) ; Isa. XL-XLVI (2).
3. Conversation.....With a Person unacquainted with English (1,2).
4. Original Composition.....Written Sermon (2).
5. Written Prayer.....In presence of Examiner (1).
6. Exposition of Scripture.....Extempore-Selection given (2).
7. Grammar.....Chamberlain's Written Language(2).
Verbeck's Conjugations (for reference).

STATISTICS

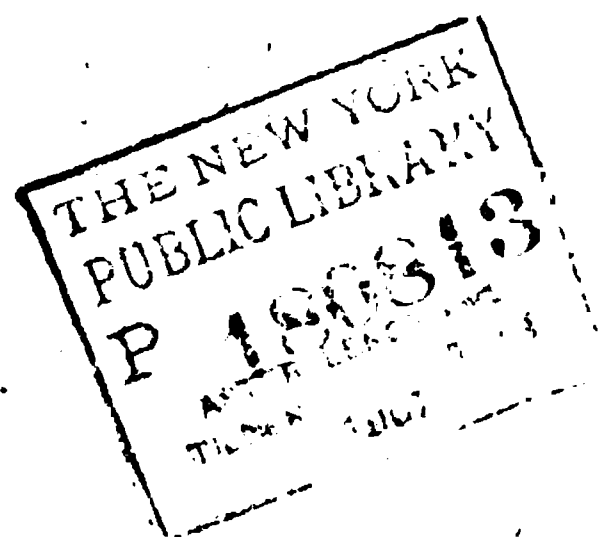
Names of Charges.	Church Membership.			Baptisms.			Sunday Schools.			Church Property.						
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present indebted- ness on Church Property.
Fukuoka District																
Fukuoka	28	110				11	6	17	231	1	860.00	1	395.00			
Hakata & Saga	8	18				1	3	7	52							
Kokura & Moji	10	20				2	1	2	15							
Kurume & Yanagawa	11	44				3	2	3	25							
Kutami	8	26				9	1	4	21					5.01		
Omita	13	22				2	1	1	24					4.38	15.00	15.00
Wakamatsu	26	26	1			18	1	3	34		1,000.00	1	600.00	513.59	121.00	1,000.00
	104	266	1			46	15	37	402	3	3,860.00	2	995.00	522.98	136.00	1,015.00
Nagasaki District																
Kagoshima	19	28		1		13	3	8	80	1	1,500.00			0.10	5.00	10.00
Kajiki	5	13		1		4	5	4	32							
Kumamoto & Yatsushiro	28	90	1			10	4	8	136	1	3,180.00	1	700.00	12.75	5.00	24.00
Nagasaki :- Deshima	62	206	4	4	6	31	2	00	752	1	2,500.00	1	450.00			
" Kojiyamachi	50	81	1	1	9	13	1	7	77	1	1,600.00	1	700.00	35.73		
Okinawa	45	54	1	1	12	19	3	12	200					1.20		
Sendai	10	27			1	2	1	3	36					15.00		
	219	490	7	8	36	92	19	102	1313	4	8,780.00	3	1,850.00	70.80	10.00	34.00
Recapitulation 1900																
Totals 1899	323	765	8	14	49	138	34	139	1715	7	12,640.00	5	2,845.00	593.78	146.00	1,049.00
Gain	295	703	4	9	22	71	26	111	1602	7	11,740.00	4	2,145.00	2,050.00	107.00	762.00
Loss	28	62	4	5	27	67	8	28	113		900.00	1	700.00	1,456.22	39.00	287.00

* This includes Yen 700. borrowed money that should not have been reported.

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1901.

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Conference Directory.

MEMBERS.

Name	Rank	Address	Years in Japan in No.
son John C.	E.	In the United States on Leave	1
Shigeo	E.	Omura, M. E. Church.	1
son, Epperson R.	E.	Nagasaki	1
son, Herbert B.	P. E.	141 Sunoki Machi, Fukuoka	
son, Ukiehi	1 D.	Kudari M. E. Church, Omura, Chikugo	1
aki, Noboru	1 D.	At school in the United States	1
se, Kotaro	E.	Wakamatsu Chikuzen	1
sa, Keinawake	E.	40 Tenjin Cho, Fukuoka	6
moto, Sogo	E.	321 Yamate Machi, Kagoshima, Satsuma	4
Kiso	1 D.	87 Kure, Nahaku, Okinawa	2
o, Chiujo	E.	10 Kami Hamaguchi Cho, Ha'ata	2
ura, Tokutaro	E.	Deshima M. E. Church, Nagasaki	3
ama, Chujo	E.	62 Kojiyamachi, Nagasaki	2
Tsunenari	E.	Tenjin Baba, Kajiki	1
ori, Uichiro	E.	Jiu Nin Machi, Nagasaki	9
rtz, Henry B.	P. E.	6, A. Higashi Yama, Nagasaki	1
Yoshito	E.	Saga	1
ilton S.	E.	In the United States on Leave.	2
sa, Seimei	E.	9 Hamano cho, Wakanatsu.	

Number of Members 19.

PROBATIONERS :

Kuro	2nd Yr.	Higashite, Kumano Jo Mura, Satsuma Gun, Kagoshima Ken	1
se, Unokichi	1st Yr.	Moji	1
, Archie E.	2nd Yr.	6 B. Higashi Yama, Nagasaki	1

Number of Probations 3.

Conference Officers.

EV. BISHOP DAVID H. MOORE, D.D	President.
W. B. SCHWARTZ,	English Secretary.
YOSHIOKA	Japanese Secretary.
E. E. RIGBY	Statistical Secretary.
W. B. JOHNSON,	Treasurer.

Committees.

STANDING.

BENEVOLENCES—

Y. Tsuda, A. E. Rigby, N. Kawasaki.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS—

K. Kosaka, J. C. Davison, S. Matsumoto.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS—

U. Kaneko, K. Murai, U. Sasamori.

EDUCATION AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE—

H. B. Schwartz, C. Nakayama, S. Yoshioka.

ESTIMATES FOR EVANGELISTIC WORK—

S. Matsumoto, C. Nakayama, K. Kosaka.

MISSIONS (REDISTRIBUTION)—

The Presiding Elders.

SELF SUPPORT—

T. Nakamura, C. Nagano, H. B. Johnson.

SPECIAL.

AUDIT—

T. Nakamura, S. Yoshioka.

TO PUBLISH THE MINUTES—

The Secretaries.

CONFERENCE VISITORS TO CHINZEI SEMINARY—

K. Kosaka and C. Nakayama.

TO CORRESPOND WITH THE MISSIONARY BOARD

IN REGARD TO CHINZEI BOARD MANAGERS—

H. B. Schwartz, C. Nakayama.

JOURNAL

FIRST DAY.

Thursday, March 14, 1901.

THE South Japan Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met for its third session at the Fukuoka Church, Thursday, March 14, at nine o'clock. The Rev. Bishop D. H. Moore, D. D., presiding.

Opening :—Herbert B. Johnson, Presiding Elder of the Fukuoka District announced the 279th. hymn, which was sung; after which, Keinosuke Kosaka led the Conference in prayer. Y. Tsuda read the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah and J. C. Davison read the twelfth chapter of Romans. Three verses of the 63rd. hymn were sung and the Bishop assisted by the Elders of the Conference administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The 65th. hymn was sung and Bishop Moore called the Conference to order and made a brief address. He alluded to the solemn services which had just been held and said that the same spirit with which this sacrament had been partaken of, should characterize all the sessions of the Conference. He spoke of the fellowship between Japan and the United States and asked that the flags of the two nations might be hung together during the sessions of the Conference, as a symbol of this good feeling.

Roll-Call :—Henry B. Schwartz, the secretary of the last session called the roll of the Conference and seventeen members and probationers answered to their names.

Transfer :—The transfer of Archie E. Rigby, a probationer in the studies of the second year, from the Dakota Conference, was announced and he was introduced to the Conference.

Organization:—On motion of H. B. Johnson, Henry B. Schwartz was elected English secretary and on motion of H. B. Schwartz, S. Yoshioka was elected Japanese secretary. A. E. Rigby was elected Statistical Secretary with N. Kawasaki as his assistant. H. B. Johnson was elected Conference Treasurer. On motion of H. B. Schwartz, U. Sasamori was elected Conference Interpreter.

Bar of Conference:—On the motion of H. B. Johnson, the bar of the Conference was fixed to include the first four rows of seats.

Standing Committees:—H. B. Johnson reported the following nominations for the standing committees, and they were elected. Benevolences: Y. Tsuda, A. E. Rigby, N. Kawasaki. Conference Relations; K. Kosaka, J. C. Davison, S. Matsumoto. District Conference Records: U. Kaneko, K. Murai, U. Sasamori. Education and Christian Literature; H. B. Schwartz, C. Nakayama, S. Yoshioka, Estimates for Evangelistic Work; S. Matsumoto, C. Nakayama, K. Kosaka. Missions; the Presiding Elders. Self Support; T. Nakamura, C. Nagano, H. B. Johnson.

Conference Stewards:—H. B. Johnson, S. Matsumoto, C. Nagano, Y. Tsuda, and T. Otake were elected Conference Stewards.

Reports for the Gokyo:—U. Kaneko was appointed to report the proceedings of the Conference for the Gokyo.

Statistical Session:—On the motion of J. C. Davison the Conference voted to hold a Statistical Session this afternoon at four o'clock.

Conference Programme:—The Conference Programme as presented was adopted, and the time of sessions and the leaders of the morning devotions were fixed accordingly.

Question Thirteen:—Question thirteen was taken up, and the character of all the elders and deacons were passed. J. C. Davison and H. B. Johnson, the Presiding Elders answered in open Conference that the disciplinary provisions for raising benevolences had been carried out and that they had urged in all the Quarterly Conferences that the full amount be raised. H. B. Johnson then reported the

condition of the Fukuoka District and J. C. Davison read the report of the Nagasaki District.

Disciplinary Questions :—Questions, two, three, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty-two, and twenty-three, were asked and the answer "None" given in every case.

Thirtieth Question :—The question, Where shall the next Conference be held? was then taken up. Kumamoto, Kagoshima and Nagasaki were put in nomination and on vote, Kumamoto was chosen.

Remarks by the Bishop :—Bishop Moore in a few words expressed his gratitude for the liberal response to his appeal for aid in behalf of the needy and persecuted Christians in China. He also gave Bishop Cranston's kind regards to the members of the Conference.

Chairman of the Statistical Session :—J. C. Davison was appointed to preside at the statistical session and K. Ijichi to lead the devotional exercises.

Thanks for China :—J. C. Davison read a letter from Rev. W. T. Hobart of North China acknowledging the gifts sent by the Nagasaki District to the suffering Christians there. H. B. Johnson announced the receipt of a similar letter.

Adjournment :—On motion of J. C. Davison, the Conference voted to adjourn. A verse of a hymn was sung, T. Otake led the Conference in prayer, and the Conference adjourned with the Benediction by Bishop Moore.

STATISTICAL SESSION.

The Conference met according to adjournment for its statistical session at four o'clock. J. C. Davison in the chair. K. Ijichi conducted the devotional service. The roll of the charges was called and all the pastors presented their statistics and benevolences.

The Doxology was sung and the Conference adjourned with the Benediction by U. Sasamori.

SECOND DAY.

Friday, March, 15, 1901.

The Conference met at 8.30. The devotional exercises of the first half hour were led by Y. Tsuda. At 9 o'clock, Bishop Moore took the chair.

Minutes :—The Minutes, in Japanese and English, were read and approved.

Excused :—T. Otake was excused from attendance for the day on account of sickness.

Official Record :—H. B. Schwartz moved and the Conference voted that the printed English Minutes be the Official Record of the Conference.

Publication of the Minutes :—On the motion of H. B. Johnson the secretaries were appointed to publish the Minutes. The number to be the same as last year.

Reception on Trial :—Question Four, who have been received on trial was taken up and Unokichi Kawase, recommended by the Nagasaki District Conference, having passed a satisfactory examination, was, on motion of J. C. Davison, admitted on trial.

Reception into Full Membership :—The Seventh Question, who are received into full membership? was asked. U. Kaneko and N. Kawasaki were reported to have passed their examinations last year. The former was, on motion of H. B. Johnson admitted into full membership and elected to deacon's orders. On the motion of C. Nakayama, Brother Kawasaki was called before the Conference to declare what his purposes are in going to America. On his doing so to the satisfaction of the Conference, he was elected to full membership and to receive deacon's orders. K. Ijichi was represented by his Presiding Elder, but his examinations not being satisfactory he was continued on trial. K. Murai passed in his studies and on motion of J. C. Davison was admitted and elected to Deacon's orders.

Routine Questions :—Questions, six, twelve, and twenty, were asked and each answered "There are none."

Elder's Orders :—S. Yoshioka was reported to have satisfactorily completed the course of study and on motion of H. B. Johnson he was elected to Elder's Orders.

Change of Name :—Under question twenty-one, the change of name of Kosaku Yoshioka to Seimei Yoshioka was noted.

Triers of Appeals :—On the motion of H. B. Johnson, the the present board of Triers of Appeals was re-elected.

The Bishop's Address :—The class who are to be admitted into full membership were then called before the Conference. A verse of hymn 291 was sung and T. Nakamura led the Conference in prayer. At the request of the Bishop, U. Sasamori read the Rules for the Conduct of a Preacher and asked the usual disciplinary questions. The Bishop then delivered an earnest address on the calling and work of a preacher in Japan today.

Introduction :—The Rev. J. W. Cullum of the Southern Baptist Mission was introduced.

Adjournment :—On the motion of H. B. Schwartz, the Conference adjourned, the Benediction being pronounced by the Rev. J. W. Cullum.

THIRD DAY.

Saturday, March, 16.

The Conference met for its third day's session at 8.30 A. M. The morning prayer meeting was led by T. Nakamura. Bishop Moore took the the chair at 9.00 o'clock.

Minutes :—The Minutes of the previous day's session were read both in Japanese and in English and were approved.

Statistics :—The Bishop called J. C. Davison to the chair and some mistakes in the statistics were corrected.

Reports :—The names of the pastors were then called and each reported in full the condition of his charge.

Committee of Audit :—At 10.40 the Bishop again took the chair. At the request of the Conference Treasurer, T. Nakamura and S. Yoshioka were appointed to audit his account.

Fraternal Telegram :—H. B. Johnson read a fraternal telegram from the friends in Aoyama, and the secretary was ordered to write a letter of thanks in reply.

Gokyo :—S. Yoshioka read a report from the Gokyo and Bishop Moore made a few remarks on the subject of church papers.

Twelfth Question :—Question twelve was taken up. The committee of examination reported favorably in the case of Yasufusa Narita, a local preacher, recommended by the Nagasaki District Conference and he was elected to Deacon's orders as a local preacher.

Adjournment :—On the motion of U. Sasamori the Conference adjourned. The Doxology was sung and Bishop Moore pronounced the Benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

Monday, March, 18.

The Conference met at the usual hour, U. Kaneko led the morning devotional service.

Minutes :—The minutes of the third day's session, were read, in English and Japanese, and both were approved.

Excused :—T. Nakamura was excused to attend a funeral.

Board of Stewards :—Some changes were requested in the Board of Stewards and on motion of Y. Tsuda, U. Sasamori, J. C. Davison, C. Nakayama, H. B. Johnson and S. Yoshioka were appointed.

Committee of arrangements :—On motion of H. B. Schwartz, the pastor at Kumamoto and the Presiding Elder of the District were appointed to arrange the program of the next Conference.

Excused :—On the motion of C. Nagano, the Committee on Self Support were excused.

Treasurer's Report :—H. B. Johnson, the Conference treasurer presented his report. The auditor reported that he had examined the vouchers and that they were all correct. And on motion of C. Nakayama the reports were adopted.

Certificate of Ordination :—The Bishop presented the following Certificate of Ordination :—

This Certifies, that on the seventeenth day of March, 1901, under the election of the South Japan Mission Conference, I ordained as Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Ukichi Kaneko, Noburo Kawasaki, and Yasufusa Narita; and also at the same time and place assisted by several Elders, Shigeo Fugii and Seimei Yoshioka.

Done at Fukuoka, Japan.

DAVID H. MOORE.

Book Concern Draft :—On motion of H. B. Schwartz, the President and Secretary of the Conference were authorized to sign the Book Concern Draft when it comes and to make it payable to the Treasurer of the Conference.

Question Four :—The fourth question was again taken up. Toranosuke Chiga was recommended by the Fukuoka District Conference for reception on trial. The committee of examination reported favorably and on the motion of H. B. Johnson, he was received.

Committee on Education :—The Committee on Education presented its report through S. Yoshioka. H. B. Schwartz, Principal of Chinzei Gakkwan reported the condition of that school.

Conference Visitors :—On the request of the principal of the school, K. Kosaka and C. Nakayama were appointed as visitors to

Chinzei Gakkwan, with the understanding that their travelling expenses are to be paid by the school.

Committee on Publication of Japanese Minutes :—S. Yoshioka made a report on behalf of the committee to publish the Japanese Minutes.

Presentations :—C. Nakayama on behalf of the Conference presented Bishop Moore with a handsome piece of bronze as an expression of the Conference's appreciation of his wise and able administration. C. Matsumoto on the part of the Conference presented J. C. Davison with a handsome lacquer *suzuri* box as a token of the affection of the Conference, with their best wishes for his safe journey to America.

Fraternal Delegate :—On the motion of H. B. Johnson, J. C. Davison was appointed a fraternal Delegate to the Japan Annual Conference and requested to start on his return to America soon enough to visit the Conference and carry to them our love and best wishes.

Committee Reports :—The report of the Committee on District Conference Minutes was read by K. Murai and the report of the Committee on Conference relations by S. Matsumoto and both of these were adopted.

Financial Reports :—Y. Tsuda presented the report of the Committee on Benevolences, and it was adopted; as was, also the report of the committee on Self Support which was read in English by H. B. Johnson and in Japanese by C. Nagano. It showed a total of 1192.62 Yen, contributed for pastoral support against 915 Yen last year and this, although the report is for only eleven months as against fourteen last year.

Statistical Report :—The statistical report was presented by the Japanese statistical secretary, U. Kaneko.

Collection for Conference Expenses :—On motion of S. Yoshioka K. Murai was appointed to take a collection for the miscellaneous expenses of the Conference and the full amount was raised.

Recess:—Pending the Report of the Board of Stewards the Conference took a recess for fifteen minutes:

Steward's Report:—On reassembling, the Board of Stewards presented their report and it was adopted. On the motion of U. Sasamori the treasurer was authorized to lend from the reserved fund, in cases of need, sums not to exceed twenty Yen.

Change of Program:—On the motion of K. Kosaka the business meetings of the Educational Society, the Church Extension Society and the Home Missionary Society were set for the afternoon meeting.

Constitution of Chinzei Gakkwan:—C. Nakayama and H. B. Schwartz were appointed to correspond with the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society in regard to the constitution of the Board of Managers of Chinzei Seminary.

Adjournment:—On the motion of H. B. Schwartz, the minutes of the morning session were read and approved and the Conference adjourned, with the Benediction by U. Sasamori.

EVENING SESSION.

The Conference was called to order at the close of the evening anniversary.

Educational Society:—The report of the proceedings of the Educational Society were adopted.

Constitution of the Home Missionary Society:—On motion of U. Sasamori the Constitution of the Home Missionary Society was amended so that those who contributed annually 25 sen or more may be associate members.

Officers of the Conference Societies:—The Officers of the Conference Societies were re-elected.

Resolution of Thanks:—On motion of S. Matsumoto, seconded by A. E. Rigby the following resolution was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

Resolved:—That the sincere thanks of this Conference be extended to the pastors and members of our churches at Fukuoka

and Hakata for the royal entertainment provided by them and for the way in which they have shown the spirit of Christian fellowship. To the friends who have in a special manner made our stay so pleasant we give assurance of our deep appreciation and pray that God may richly bless their lives and work.

Bishop Moore :—On motion of J. C. Davison, seconded by T. Chiga the following preamble and resolutions were adopted :—

Whereas :—The last General Conference was pleased to consider favorably the joint memorial from the two Conferences in Japan, requesting a resident Bi-hop for Eastern Asia and

Whereas :—The Rev. Bishop David H. Moore, D.D., LL.D., one of the recently elected Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church has been appointed as the incumbent of that position for the present quadrenium, and

Whereas ;—Bishop Moore has already during his presidency of this Conference, fully justified our highest expectations and has shown his fullest sympathy with us in all departments of our work, therefore,

Resolved :—That we gratefully recognize his appointment as providentially fulfilling the requirements of our condition and further

Resolved :—That we hereby most cordially welcome him and his family to these Eastern shores, assuring them of our earnest prayers that God will graciously favor them with continued health during their residence among us, especially granting His divine assistance to our beloved Bishop in the discharge of all the official duties connected with his office.

Publishing House :—The report of the Publishing House was read by S. Yoshioka.

Report of the Committee on Missions :—H. B. Johnson read the report of the Committee on Missions and it was adopted.

Adjournment :—H. B. Schwartz moved that after the minutes are approved, the appointments are read and the devotional exercises are held, the Conference adjourn, *sine die*. The Minutes, in both

languages were then read and approved. The Bishop gave an earnest address to the Conference; based upon the Talents. The appointments were read, the Doxology was sung, J. C. Davison led in prayer, after which the Conference adjourned at 10.40 P.M.

DAVID H. MOORE, President.

Henry B. Schwartz, Secretary.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who have been received by transfer and from what Conferences? Archie E. Rigby, a probationer in the studies of the second year from the Dakota Conference.
2. Who have been readmitted? None.
3. Who have been received on Credentials and from what Churches? None.
4. Who have been received on trial? Unokichi Kawasake, Toranosuke Chiga.
5. Who have been continued on trial?
 - (a) In the studies of the first year. Unokichi Kawase, Toranosuke Chiga.
 - (b) In the studies of the second year. Archie E. Rigby.
6. Who have been discontinued? None.
7. Who have been admitted into full membership?
 - (a) Elected and ordained this year. Kiso Murai, Ukichi Kaneko, Noboru Kawasaki.
8. What Members are in the Studies of the Third Year? Kiso Murai, Ukichi Kaneko, Noboru Kawasaki.
9. What Members are in the Studies of the Fourth Year? None.
10. What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study? Elected and ordained elders this year. Seimei Yoshioka, Shigeo Fujii.
11. What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?
 - (a) As a local preacher; Yasufusa Narita.
 - (b) Under Missionary Rule. None.
12. What others have been elected and ordained Elders? None.
13. Was the Character of each preacher examined? This was strictly done as each preachers name was called in open Conference.

14. Who have transferred and to what Conferences? None.
15. Who have died? None.
16. Who have located at their own request? None.
17. Who have been located? None.
18. Who have withdrawn? None.
19. Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges? None.
20. Who have been expelled? None.
21. What other personal notation should be made? The change of name of Kosiku Yoshioka to Seimei Yoshioka.
22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? None.
23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? None.
24. Who are the Triers of Appeals? K. Kosaka, S. Matsumoto, H. B. Schwartz, E. R. Fulkerson, C. Nagano, Y. Tsuda, T. Otake.
25. What is the Statistical Report for the year? See Statistics.
26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference as reported by the Treasurer of the Conference? Yen 168.30.
27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund? 482 *yen*.
28. What has been received on these claims and how has it been applied. 249.68 *yen*. To Claimants 185 *yen*. Held as a reserve fund, 64.68 *yen*.
29. Where are the Preachers stationed? See Appointments.
30. Where shall the next Conference be held? Kumamoto.

APPOINTMENTS.

FUKUOKA DISTRICT.

Herbert Buell Johnson, Presiding Elder, P. O. Address, Fukuoka.

Fukuoka Circuit,	K. Kosaka.
Hakata and Koga,	C. Nagano.
Kumamoto and Yatsushiro,	T. Chiga, and Y. Narita, Supply.
Kutami and Waifu,	S. Watanabe, Supply.
Moji and Kokura,	U. Kawase.
Omuta and Yanagawa,	U. Kaneko.
Saga and Kurume,	Y. Tsuda.
Wakamatsu Circuit,	S. Yoshioka and K. Kawase.

NAGASAKI DISTRICT.

Henry Butler Schwartz, Presiding Elder, P. O. Address
6. Higashiyama, Nagasaki.

Kagoshima Circuit,	S. Matsumoto.
Kajiki Circuit,	T. Otake.
Nagasaki : Deshima,	T. Nakamura and one to be supplied.
„ Kojiyamachi,	C. Nakayama.
Okinawa (Loo Choo Islands)	K. Murai and one to be supplied.
Omura and Sasebo,	S. Fujii.
Sendai,	K. Ichichi.

E. R. Fulkerson, Principal Chinzei Seminary, H. B.
Schwartz, Acting Principal, A. E. Rigby and U. Sasamori
Professors.

W. F. M. S.

NAGASAKI DISTRICT (INCLUDING LOO CHOO ISLANDS.)

Evangelistic Work.

Miss Jennie M. Gheer, Supt.

Miss L. B. Smith.

Kwasui Jo Gakko.

Miss Young.

Three to be supplied.

Miss M. E. Melton. Biblical Dept.

Miss E. Russell.

FUKUOKA DISTRICT.

Evangelistic Work.

Miss L. M. Seeds, Supt.

Eiwa Jo Gakko.

Miss L. M. Seeds, Principal.

One to be supplied.

Home on Leave

Miss Irene E. Lee.

Miss Lola M. Kidwell.

M. S. Vail and J. C. Davison, on leave in the U. S.

Members of Deshima Quarterly Conference.

N. Kawasaki, at School in the U. S.

J. Victor Martin, (layman) professor in Chinzei Seminary.

PUBLIC SERVICES AND ANNIVERSARIES.

Wednesday Evening, March 13.

A Welcome Prayer Meeting was held, C. Nagano being the chairman and K. Kosaka giving an Address of Welcome on behalf of the Churches of Fukuoka and Hakata.

Thursday Evening, March 14.

The Annual Missionary Sermon was preached by the Rev. H. B. Johnson. His texts were Matt. XXVII: 18, and Luke XXIV: 49, the subject being. "The Nature of the Great Commission and how it may be carried out."

Friday Evening, March 15.

A meeting in the interests of the Twentieth Century Movement was held. Henry B. Schwartz presided and the speakers were Rev. K. Kosaka and Rev. U. Sasamori, Ph.D. The former spoke of the great work to be done and urged faith as the essential to success. The latter presented the great need of higher Christian education and pleaded for the endowment of Chinzei Seminary.

Saturday, March 16.

By the kind invitation of the members of the Fukuoka and Hakata Churches, the Conference assembled at noon in a spacious tea house in the beautiful grounds of the Nishi Koen, the Public Park of Fukuoka. About a hundred and thirty members and friends were present. An ample feast in Japanese style was served and a pleasant social time enjoyed.

Sunday, March 17.

The annual Conference Love Feast was led by the Rev. J. C. Davison. The services were prompt, interesting and spiritual. Conference Sermon was preached by the Rev. Bishop D. H. Moore D.D., at 10 o'clock A. M. His text was Rom. I: 1. and his subject was "Paul the Exemplar to those who are called to the ministry of the Word." A delightful feature of the morning service was

the special music rendered by Misses Martin and Melton, Mrs. Johnson and Rev. J. C. Davison.

At 2.30, the ordination services were held. In the ordination of Deacons, the Bishop was assisted by H. B. Johnson, T. Otake, Y. Tsuda, and H. B. Schwartz; in the ordination of Elders, J. C. Davison, S. Matsumoto, K. Kosaka, U. Sasamori, C. Nagano, and the pastor of the Fukuoka Congregational Church. Between the two services, J. C. Davison made a short address and the Bishop baptised two of the children of the Fukuoka Church.

At the meeting held at 7.30, C. Nakayama spoke on the Essence of Christianity and S. Matsumoto on the Christian Soldier.

Monday, March 18.

At the Anniversary of the Educational Society held at 7.30 P. M. U. Kaneko and Y. Tsuda were the speakers.

REPORTS.

PRESIDING ELDERS.

FUKUOKA DISTRICT.

Herbert B. Johnson, Presiding Elder.

PERSONAL MENTION.

The conference year now closing has been one of severe trial and rich blessing to many of the members of this district. Brother Nagano had hardly settled at Hakata, when his daughter, who had been ailing for some time, was called to her Heavenly Home. From the last of July until now, Mrs Kosaka, the wife of our pastor at Fukuoka, has been confined to her bed, much of the time being very critically ill. Given up to die by four doctors, her slow but steady progress toward recovery is generally recognized as an answer to special prayer. The father of Brother Yoshioka, and the mother of Brother Fujii have died during the year, and other pastors have suffered more or less from personal or family sickness.

While attending a meeting of the Finance Committee at Nagasaki, in October, I met with a serious accident to my right knee which kept me in bed two weeks, confined the leg in a plaster cast four weeks more, and which has kept me on crutches or canes most of the time until now. To all of us, these days and weeks of affliction have been seasons of great blessing. Surely "All things work together for good to them that love God." I had attended part of the second Quarterly Conferences before being laid aside, omitted the third in view of the shortness of the conference year and have been able to attend all of the Fourth Quarterly Conferences, except Kutami. I am under great obligation to Brother Nagano for supplying those which I could not attend, and to all the brethren for the sympathy manifested.

It was a great pleasure to welcome Bishop Moore early in the present month and to visit with him most of the charges. His personal contact with the pastors and the churches will be a source of rich blessing for months to come.

The Field:—The Fukuoka District covers the north-western part of Kiushiu, and includes the Fukuoka and Saga *Kens* and a part of Kumamoto *Ken*. It is one of the most populous parts of Japan and is rapidly developing industrially and commercially.

Miji in the north, which five or six years ago was a small village, is now a city of

thirty thousand inhabitants with eleven or twelve banks. It is one of the newer open ports, and is probably destined to be the greatest port of Kiushiu. It is the terminus of the Kiushiu Railroad, and in a few months will have direct communication with Tokyo and the north, excepting the ferry across the straits, fine steamers for which are now being built. Until the present, *Moji* has been an out station of the Kokura charge, but it should be occupied as a centre at the earliest moment. On account of the high rents and the impossibility of securing a suitable place, we have not been able to keep up regular preaching services during the year. However, while in *Moji* a few days ago, in company with Bishop Moore, a most excellent place opened to us, which was at once secured.

Kokura:—Also recently chartered as a city, is the headquarters of the southern division of the army. It is also the terminus of the railway following the northeast coast toward Oita, and has proven itself to be one of the hardest places in Kiushiu for Christian work. We have here eighteen members, fifteen probationers, and eight inquirers. The pastor has been greatly encouraged by the active co-operation of a Christian dentist, who is about the only active male Christian in the city, though several denominations are represented. The pastor has continued his regular visits to Kitakata, where of late Miss Omura has been working as a Bible woman with great promise.

Wakamatsu:—At the entrance of the bay upon which the new Government Steel Works are located and the terminus of the railroad reaching out into the coal fields of northern Kiushiu, had, like *Moji* a phenomenal growth. It, too, has developed in a short time from a small village to a place of twenty thousand inhabitants and is ambitious to become a city. The British Consul at Nagasaki has recently made a careful study of the steel plant and reports to his government that the works are of an extremely comprehensive and ambitious nature and are designed to be as complete as those of any similar establishment in the world. There are three principal departments, pig iron, steel, and rolling mill, each of which is under the joint direction of one Japanese and one foreign chief engineer. Besides these departments there are repair shops, pattern and boiler works, electric plant, pumping station, &c. It was my privilege some months ago to baptise the wife of one of the principal officials of these works. Our church at *Wakamatsu* has more than doubled its membership in two years, increasing from fifteen to thirty-four. It has also seventeen probationers, and ten inquirers. Ten have been received from probation during the year and four have been baptised. It is noteworthy that the membership is made up of families and almost entirely of persons converted in *Wakamatsu*. It was refreshing on a recent Sabbath, to see fathers and mothers and children gathered together in the Sunday-school. A pressing need is the purchase of the lot on which the church stands and the payment of the balance of the debt. The members by their noble giving have shown themselves worthy of outside aid. The pastor has visited Nagata twice per month during the year, and has kept up work at *Edamitsu*, near the steel works in a house provided by the Christians of that vicinity.

Fukuoka Church:—Though severely afflicted in the illness of the pastor's wife, has had a good year. Eight adults and one infant have been baptised, five have been received from probation and one by letter. Six Sunday-schools have been maintained,

the one meeting in our home, has been especially prosperous. My weekly Bible class has grown in numbers and in interest. Besides the students of the Middle school, two school teachers and several army, prison, and post office officials, have attended. Several weeks ago, I opened a special class for Normal students which has been most encouraging.

Reference has already been made to special prayer in behalf of the pastor's wife. The members were wonderfully drawn out in their sympathy and faith. The extra meetings during the Week of Prayer and the following week were full of interest, since which time cottage meetings have been frequently held with the object of receiving the Enduement of Power and of interesting the indifferent among the members.

The Ladies' Seminary, under the efficient management of Miss Seeds, has continued to enjoy the prosperity reported a year ago. No new lady being appointed from the United States, Dr. Emma Martin of Peking, China, who came to Japan among the refugees, kindly consented to remain and assist in the work. Misses Longstreet and Glenk of Foochow were also here for a time. In addition to her cares, in the school, Miss Seeds has also had charge of the Bible women of the District and has made several short evangelistic trips, greatly to the encouragement of the workers.

Hakata :—The success at Hakata has demonstrated the wisdom of setting it off from Fukuoka two years ago. Like Wakamatsu, it has doubled its membership, or nearly so, during this period. This year, five adults and two infants have been baptised. Three Sunday-schools are maintained.

Hakata with Fukuoka across the river is the second city in the island in population, numbering about sixty thousand. The barracks, government and city offices and the higher schools are on the Fukuoka side. The manufacturing and trade are mostly confined to Hakata, which in this respect is one of the most important cities in Kiushiu. Very little has been done until recently toward evangelizing these thousands, and indeed the task seemed an impossible one. One pressing need is a permanent location. At the present writing, we have an opportunity to buy a very desirable property :—the money only is lacking.

Saga :—For the past two years, the Hakata pastor has been visiting Saga regularly, but with comparatively little encouragement so far as statistics are concerned. Until we were compelled to change our preaching place some time ago, the services which Brother Nagano conducted weekly, were well attended. This is also true of our present place, which is only temporary, as it is too near the work of another mission. One of the greatest embarrassments in our evangelistic work grows out of these frequent forced changes in preaching places. Not until we can own our own property can we hope for great success.

I have hoped to secure a resident pastor for Saga from this Conference. It is a city of thirty thousand inhabitants, is the capital of Saga Ken, is in the midst of a rich plain surrounding the Shimabara Gulf, and is the principal city between Fukuoka and Nagasaki. These are sufficient reasons for our being there, were there none growing out of our former connection with the place. Working from Saga as a centre we should also visit Takeo, still further toward Nagasaki, where a man and his wife were recently

baptised. The famous hot spring at this place is annually visited by thousands, which makes it, like Yanagawa on the Kutami charge, especially important as a place for seed sowing.

On the railroad line between Fukuoka and Kumamoto, or in towns reached from it, we have three pastoral charges *Kurume*, *Yabekawa* and *Yanagawa*, with the pastor's residence at the first place; *Omuta*, with work also at *Nagasu*; and *Kutami* and *Waifu*, with work carried on also at *Uchida* and *Yamaga*. Brother Kawasaki has had little to encourage him at Kurume, and the same is true of the pastor at Omuta. Both of these brothers have worked faithfully but the people to whom they have ministered have not been hungering and thirsting after God's righteousness. At Yanagawa, the mother of the late Z. Kawano was recently baptised. He was one of our Kiushiu young men, but at the time of his death he was a member of the Japan Conference. At the same time one of the students of the Middle School received baptism. Upon special invitation I addressed a large body of the students of this school, many of whom are greatly interested in Christianity. At Yabekawa, on this charge, weekly meetings are held in the home of Dr. Tanaka, who is one of our most faithful and efficient members. At Kurume and Omuta, the people are given to money making, and in consequence Christian work is very difficult. The latter place is said to have the most modern and complete mines in Asia. They are certainly very extensive and thoroughly up to date. Among the miners are many hundreds from the southern penitentiary which is located here.

Kutami and Waifu:—Brother Fujii has had a good year. There have been less baptisms than last year, but as at all the other places there are several inquirers. This is a real country work, with all the characteristics that are peculiar to it. During the past year or two several families have been added to the church, which is always a hopeful sign and which accounts for the five infant baptisms reported. The pastor has been particularly encouraged at Waifu, an old historic place which is taking on a new life. This is also true of our little society.

RESULTS OF THE YEAR.

To maintain our District work without loss under such circumstances as have prevailed this year would mean real victory. We have not only done so in probationers but have gained twenty-six full members. The baptisms are less than last year, but there are several candidates at various points and a large number enrolled as inquirers.

The advance in self support is very encouraging. Kutami and Waifu, and Wakamatsu charges have doubled their contributions of last year; and Kurume and Yanagawa, and Fukuoka have increased one half; and Hakata and Kokura each one third. The churches of the District have given Yen 30.83 per month against Yen 20.30 last year, and Yen 14 the year before. In addition to these advances, all the churches paid one month's extra subscription in December in order to maintain the total for salaries as before. Hakata will double its subscription next year paying six yen per month; Fukuoka and Wakamatsu will each increase a yen; and Waifu thirty-eight sen, making a total for the District of about sixty-five yen. It was thought wise not to crowd harder

in view of the proposed Twentieth Century Evangelistic Movement which will require considerable extra money.

Though the conference year is much shorter than the last one, ten months against fourteen, the benevolent collections are all up to last year and some of them are ahead, particularly Foreign Missions and Education. Besides these, all the churches subscribed from two to fifteen yen in aid of their afflicted brethren in North China.

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The District Conference which was held in Fukuoka in December, like the one last year, was a very profitable session. Public meetings were held in both Fukuoka and in Hakata. Dr. Peery of Saga kindly spoke to the preachers on the Ministerial Calling and also delivered addresses at night. The writer presented the Twentieth Century Movement in a special paper, following which plans were made for a systematic visitation of the stations. The brethren have gone out two by two, and the meetings have resulted in great good to the various churches. So far, preparatory work only has been done, but in cooperation with the great evangelic movement of the Evangelical Alliance, and in dependence upon the Holy Spirit, we ought to expect large things during the spring months now upon us.

NAGASAKI DISTRICT.

John C. Davison, Presiding Elder.

The past conference year, though comprising a period of only ten and a half months, has witnessed the closing of the nineteenth and the opening of the Twentieth Century of the era covering the entire history of the Christian Church a fact well calculated to arouse the zeal and quicken the faith of all who bear the name of Christ, our Blessed Lord. While we hope to see this tide rise far higher during the months to come, we have cause to rejoice that both in their spiritual and material conditions our churches have taken a forward step under the impulse of the special call from the leaders of our beloved church.

We should surely be counted a great privilege to live and work for Christ when God seems to be shaking the nations of the earth.

And our present conference year opened when the sympathy of the churches was called out on behalf of their afflicted fellow co-workers in China, scores, if not hundreds of whom found a respite from the fury of the storm that burst so suddenly upon that un-
Many of these workers soon returned to their former fields of labor. Some went on to their homes in America and England while a few

have remained here to reinforce our work in Japan. Among these I may name Prof. J. Victor Martin who was transferred to our Mission by Bishop Moore and appointed to Chinzei Gakkwan to relieve the stress occasioned by the loss of Rev. E. R. Fulkerson, the former principal of the school, who was stricken down with nervous prostration in June last, and after several weeks of severe illness was obliged to return to America where he is now, however, regaining his health. On December 6th. the Rev. A. E. Rigby of the Dakota Conference arrived from the United States to further strengthen the work of the school.

The school has had a prosperous year under the principalship of Rev. H. B. Schwartz and his co-workers. A most blessed work of grace has been the result of special services following the Day of Prayer for Colleges. The efforts of Dr. Sasamori in these services are deserving of special mention. A gracious influence was also manifest in a deeper spiritual experience among the girls in Kwassui Jo Gakko.

This school was greatly encouraged by the return, in October, of its former principal and founder, Miss E. Russell, who had spent two years on furlough at home, and also by the appointment of Miss Lizzie E. Martin, formerly of Peking, China; to fill the vacancy occasioned by the return of Miss Lola M. Kidwell to America. Other ladies from China have also contributed not a little to the work during their stay in Japan.

In spite of the constant increase in price of living, the churches on the District have paid about sixty-six yen per month toward the support of their pastors and in addition have raised thirty seven Yen, fifty Sen, to supplement a deficiency during the first eight months of the conference year, besides a liberal contribution sent to the suffering Christians in North China; while at two or three other points a heavy burden on account of church improvements has taxed the resources of our people to the point of real sacrifice.

At Kagoshima, Brother Matsumoto has had the joy of seeing not only a steady growth in the membership of the church under his care, but in welcoming his people back into their newly restored church edifice, which was appropriately dedicated by the writer on February 15th. At this service he was assisted by the pastors of our own and the sister denominations present. Moreover, immediately alongside of the church the pastor and his family are now comfortably housed in a roomy parsonage. The entire cost of these improvements amounted to Yen 725.32; of this sum Yen 250 was contributed by the church and congregation, the remainder being provided by our Missionary Society on a special plea when the former edifice was destroyed by a typhoon.

The ladies of the W. F. M. S. Misses Gheer and Smith, have been a great help to their pastor in lifting this church out of its former decadent condition and in freely granting the use of their own house for the regular evening

services for the year and a half that the church buildings lay in ruins. Miss Forsell has also rendered conspicuous service in training both young and old in the use of the Church Hymnal. Surely this church ought to have a bright future. There have been ten adult baptisms during the Conference year.

Kajiki Circuit, adjoining Kagoshima, on the east, has been well served by Brother U. Kawase, who has had his first experience as a pastor in the regular work. The interest at Kokubu, three ri from Kajiki, is especially encouraging. At Kajiki, the loss of our rented chapel by fire necessitated holding services in the parsonage which is well located for this purpose. The speedy opening of the railroad between these points and central Kiushiu will greatly facilitate the extension of our work to points further in the interior.

Kumamoto and Yatsushiro comprise a very important field in our work in Kiushiu. A foreign missionary is greatly needed to reside in this section. Brother Tsuda, the pastor at Kumamoto has his hands more than full. The Church building which was in a dangerous condition a year ago, has been repaired to the extent of about three hundred and fifty *Yen*, of which, eighty-five *Yen* were contributed by the local congregation. This in addition to their regular expenses for pastoral support and incidental expenses, and special calls makes a splendid showing for this church. The church building is still sadly in need of paint which it is hoped may be provided during the early part of this coming conference year. There have been eighteen adult baptisms since our session last May.

At Yatsushiro, Brother Narita is gaining in spite of the peculiar difficulties under which he has labored. During the year he has shifted his home and preaching place to a more eligible locality. The interest at Kagami, which he visits every week, is growing and better things may be expected from this appointment during the coming year.

The Deshima Church is the largest on the District. The pastor Brother Nakamura has received his entire support from his people. He has been abundant in labors, though not very strong physically. The out stations of Omura; Fukuahori and Umamachi belong to this charge and all have had the benefit of his personal oversight at intervals. The appointment, at Omura including Sasebo, has had as a resident pastor Brother Watanabe, while Fukuahori and Umamachi have been supplied by young men from Chinzei Gakkwan. The adult baptisms have been forty as compared with thirty-one, last year. The Sunday-school composed mainly of the students from the two schools, numbers seven hundred. A large number of Sunday-schools, for smaller children in the native city, are maintained by the teachers and advanced scholars of Kwassui Jo Gakko.

Kojiya Machi has given proof of its loyalty by a cordial reception of its new pastor, Brother Nakayama and has made good its pledge of twenty *Yen* per month besides furnishing a fair share of the extra contributions asked of

all the churches. The pastor has suffered somewhat from delicate health but on the whole has been able to do his own work. A decided improvement has been made in the interior of the audience room of the Church by putting in a sky light in the roof.

I am sorry to report that our application for special funds to provide the Chinese membership of this church with a pastor of their own race and language failed to obtain a favorable response from our Missionary Society. Most encouraging meetings were maintained at the home of Brother U-Yu. Ming every Sunday evening during the summer and fall at which the missionary and native Chinese refugees did most of the preaching.

The Kojiya Machi Church expects to become fully self supporting from the beginning of the new conference year and is destined ere long to be one of the very best in the Conference. The adult baptisms for the year have been three.

At Okinawa, Brother Murai has won all hearts by his zeal and enthusiasm. I was only able to visit him once during the year but found on going that no mistake had been made in choosing him to follow Brother Nagano last year. He greatly needs the help of an assistant from among the native members of the church, well versed in the use of the Loo-choo-an tongue. The usual street preaching on Monday evenings has been kept up whenever the weather would admit. This has been Brother Murai's first year in this appointment and consequently the difficulties connected with the use of the language has more or less restricted his intercourse with the people. The baptisms have not been so numerous as last year yet his labors have not been without substantial results. Because of changed conditions, this church will not be able to come fully up to the amount promised for pastoral support last year. For want of time I asked Brother Matsumoto to go in my place to hold the fourth Quarterly Conference and to present the interests of the Twentieth Century Movement while there.

Owing to the increased demands upon our Missionary Society for the work in China and the Philippine Islands our plea for a new church building at Sendai could not possibly be met. The need is, however, as urgent as ever and should have the first favorable response possible. The pastor, Brother Otake, and his wife have been greatly afflicted in the death of one of their little children and the serious illness of a number of others in the family. He has been regular in his visits to Miyanojo, some six *ri* distant from Sendai, with occasional visits to Iriki, another out station on the circuit. Sendai is no easy field of labor but patience and persistent effort are sure to win in the end. Three have been baptised.

As the church in Kagoshima could not be finished in time to entertain the District Conference in the fall, it was arranged to hold it at Kumamoto just previous to the Annual Conference. The proceedings covered a period of

four days from March 7th, to March 10th. Three local preachers and four exhorters had their licences renewed and one local preacher was recommended for admission to the Annual Conference on trial.

The regular benevolences will not be found in excess of those of last year owing to so many calls on account of special objects. I am sorry to be compelled to report a very general tendency to postpone these collections till near the end of the Conference year. I am well persuaded that a much better showing would result if they were more systematically distributed over the entire year and each item made the special topic of the sermon of the day.

In closing this report, I wish to say that while, in addition to my duties as treasurer of the Mission, a great deal of my time and strength has been spent in superintending various church and other repairs, I have yet enjoyed doing what I could in the way of preaching the Gospel where opportunity offered. My relations with my brethren have been of the most cordial nature, and as I expect soon to leave for the United States on furlough for a year at least I wish before going to record my appreciation of the fraternal spirit in which my efforts have been received by my brethren of this conference, praying that God may graciously preserve your lives for more efficient and extended service in His cause and bespeaking for my successor the full measure of sympathy and forbearance you have shown towards me, to the end that his labors may be more and more abundantly fruitful, and to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be all the praise for whatever of good is accomplished in His name.

FINANCES.
MISSIONS.
REDISTRIBUTION OF EVANGELISTIC FUND.

Total Mission Grant	Yen	Yen
Salaries : January—March	1185.	4632.
Less Self Support	286.	
	899.	
Rents : January—March	289.25	
Bal. for nine months	3.443.75	
	4.632.	4632.
Balance Mission Grant for nine months.		
April—Dec,		3443.75
Promised Self-support		1060.65
Special Gifts and Church Cols,		211.60
Salaries, April—December	3753.	
Rents " "	963.	
	4716.	4716.

REDISTRIBUTION,—APRIL TO DECEMBER.

Salary Claim	Appointments	Salary Grant	Rents	Total Expenses	Self Support	Mission Grant
35	Fukuoka Circuit	32.50	2.	34.50	13.	21.
33	Hakata and Koga	30.50	10.50	41.	7.50	33.50
30	Kumamoto and	27.50		27.50	5.	22.50
25	Yatsushiro	21.50	5.	26.50	.80	25.70
25	Kutami and Waifu	21.50	5.	26.50	2.25	24.25
23	Moji and Kokura	21.50	15.	36.50	3.	33.50
30	Omuta and Yanagawa	24.50	10.	34.50	4.50	30.
30	Saga and Kurume	25.50	10.	35.50	1.	34.50
25	Wakamatsu Ct.	21.50	8.	29.50	6.	23.50
35	Kagoshima Ct.	31.50		31.50	6.	25.50
30	Kajiki Circuit	27.50	6.	33.50	1.30	32.20
30	Nagasaki : Deshima	30.	6.50	36.50	30.	6.50
30	" Kojiyamachi	30.		30.	30.	
30	Okinawa (Loo choo)	28.50	13.	41.50	6.	35.50
23	Omura and Sasebo	21.50	10.	31.50		31.50
23	Sendai	21.50	6.	27.50	1.50	26.
457	Per month	417.	107.	524.00	117.85	406.15
	For nine months	3753.	963.	4716.00	1060.65	3655.35

J. C. Davison
H. B. Johnson

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

Balance on Hand		Yen 129.68
Probable Receipts from N. Y. Draft.		120.
		<u>249.68</u>
Less Reserve Fund		64.68
To be distributed		<u>185.00</u>
We recommend grants as indicated below.—	Requests	Grants
K. Kosaka	156	100
T. Otake	60	29
C. Nagano	45	15
Y. Tsuda	45	5
Son of S. Kimura	72	36
	<u>372</u>	<u>185</u>
		<u>185</u>

We further recommend that the Treasurer be authorized to loan limited amounts during the year in case of special need.

H. B. Johnson, Chairman,
S. Yeshioka, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT 1901.

	Missionary Society	Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Education	Bible Society	W. F. M. Society	Home Missionary Society	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund.	Total
Nagasaki District	35.30	14.90	50	1.75	6.03	1.55	10	14.30	2.80	4.53	81.76
District	30.20	15.97		2.33	15.55	2.33	1.00	18.72	5.00	5.10	96.17
Totals	65.50	30.87	50	4.08	21.55	3.88	1.10	33.02	7.80	9.63	177.93

Herbert B. Johnson, Treasurer,

TREASURER'S REPORT: CONFERENCE CLAIMANT'S FUND.

1900			
May	11	Bal from last year	103.40
		Interest on same, less int. on loan to C. Nagano 6.00—2.00	4.00
		Conference Collections 1900.	7.25
		" " for P.E. 1899.	.25
Sept	22	Book Concern Draft \$.61	122.00
Dec.	10	Draft Japan Conference	85.00
1901			
Jan.	23.	T. Sato-ret'd acc't Yatsushiro	2.50
		Interest on New York Draft, 7 mos 7%	4.28
1900			
May	10	Conference Grant to K. Kosaka	40.00
		" " C. Nakayama	25.00
		" " Y. Tsuda	20.00
		" " T. Otake	4.00
		" " S. Fujii	20.00
		" " C. Nagano	40.00
		Evangelistic Fund to repay an advance	50.00
1901	Mar. 16.	Balance forward	129.68
			<u>328.68</u>
			<u>328.68</u>

Respectfully submitted
Herbert B. Johnson.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

Your committee recommend that N. Kawasaki be left without an appointment to attend school and that K. Kawase be continued in the same relation.

K. Kosaka.
S. Matsumoto.
J. C. Davison.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

Your Committee have carefully examined the records of the Fukuoka and Nagasaki Districts and find them correctly and neatly kept.

U. Kaneko.
K. Murai.
U. Sasamori.

EDUCATION.

There has been an improvement in the condition of Chinzei Seminary during the year. Although Dr. Fulkerson was obliged to return to America on account of ill health his place has been well filled by Rev. H. B. Schwartz and the school has been well managed by him. In addition, two new foreign teachers have been appointed during the year. In reference to Chinzei your committee recommend the following:—

1. That for the better administration of the school a regular *Kanji* and *Shakun* be secured.
2. To prohibit the use of tobacco in the school it is necessary that both teachers and students be under the rule forbidding the use of tobacco.
3. We recommend that more emphasis be put on English teaching so that the graduates of the school shall be able without difficulty to fill positions as teachers of English in the Government Chu Gakko.
4. We further recommend that so far as possible only Christian teachers be employed.
5. Some enlargement of the dormitory is very necessary.

The condition of Kwassui Jo Gakko is very much as last year. We are glad to welcome Miss Russell back to a place in the school and desire to acknowledge with gratitude the great help rendered by ladies from China after the return to America of Misses Kidwell and Leo.

A school has had a prosperous year. Here too we gratefully recognize Dr. Martin, who has filled the place so long needed. We heartily commend the enterprise of endowing a University as an twentieth Century.

U. Sasamori.
S. Yoshioka.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF CHINZEI GAKKWAN.

It is with a very grateful heart that this report of the condition of our school is presented. The complete breakdown and consequent return to America of Dr. Fulkerson unexpectedly threw the responsibility of the administration of the school upon me. After a very anxious summer spent in trying to get aid from America, Prof. J. Victor Martin was transferred from North China and appointed to the school. He has done most efficient and faithful service.

In December, Rev. E. A. Rigby was transferred from the Dakota Conference for work in the school. He has had a varied experience in school work in the United States and bids fair to become a most useful worker.

The attendance for the year has been very large. In fact quite up to the capacity of the school. Our Dormitories have been crowded and many more could be received if we had room for them. The spirit of the school has been very good. For the most part all the students have been faithful in their work and a very commendable improvement is manifest.

The religious services have been well kept up and the spirit of prayer and expectancy which had characterized the year, culminated at the time of the Day of Prayer for Colleges in a very gracious revival when quite a number of our students gave themselves to Christ. In all during the year forty have begun the Christian life.

Limited appropriations have kept us from making the improvements we should like to have done but a long needed gymnastic apparatus has been put up. It is our plan to make Chinzei the best school in Kinshiu and while we cannot attempt to cover the whole field of education, we propose to make it especially strong in English, Japanese and mathematics and to meet the ever increasing demand for teachers of English for the Government Schools.

Please help us, Brethren, by directing the attention of students and parents in your charges to the advantages we offer, visit us when you can, and remember our work in your prayers. We are laborers together for a common Master and the purpose of our work is just the same as yours, the development of Christian manhood in Japan.

With the best wishes for your success, this report is respectfully submitted by your Brother in Christian work, Henry B. Schwartz.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR COLLEGE ENDOWMENT.

The Board of Trustees for the College Endowment Fund are S. Fujiwara, G. Suganuma, H. B. Schwartz, C. Toko, T. Nakamura, C. Nakayama, U. Sasamori.

The duties of this board are :—

1. To secure a contribution of 1000 *yen* by the end of December.
2. To deposit the same in the bank.
3. To increase the amount year by year by further contributions as far as possible.

3. Life of Christ— Imbrie.
4. Introduction to the Old Testament— H. B. Johnson.
5. Systematic Theology—Vol. II. Raymond.
6. History of Methodism— Daniels.
7. Exegesis—Joshua, Isaiah and Acts.
8. Discipline—VII—IX.
6. Written Sermon.

THIRD YEAR

1. Psychology—Vol. I. Sully.
2. History of Doctrine— Sheldon.
3. Systematic Theology—Vol. III. Raymond.
4. Homiletics— Maclay.
5. Introduction to the New Testament— D. S. Spencer
6. Exegesis—Psalms and Romans.
7. Church History—To the Modern Church Leaned.
8. Life of Wesley— C. Bishop.
9. Introduction to Political Economy,
10. Written Sermon.

FOURTH YEAR

1. Psychology—Vol. II. Sully.
2. History of Doctrine— Sheldon.
3. Thology—Theism Bowne.
- The Atonement. Miley.
4. Church Polity—Comparative Church Polity D. S. Spencer.
5. Exegesis—The Minor Prophets, Hebrews, I. and II. Timothy and James.
6. Church History—From Reformation to Present. Sheldon.
7. Written Sermon.

* Those who take Miley's Systematic Theology are excused from Miley's Atonement.

LOCAL PREACHER'S COURSE OF STUDY

PREPARATORY

1. Japanese History.
2. Outlines of Physics.
3. Discipline, Part I.
4. Evidences of Christianity Davis.
5. Methodist Catechism, No. II.
7. I. and II, Kings and Matthew.

FIRST YEAR

1. Discipline, Part II.
2. Old Testament History.
3. Positive Theology Lowry.
4. Ethics Janet.
5. Genesis and Romans.

SECOND YEAR

1. Discipline, Part III.
2. Old Testament History.
3. Systematic Theology, Vol. I. Raymond.
4. Life of Christ, First Half Imbrie.
5. Homiletics. Maclay.
6. Exodus and Hebrews.
7. Written Sermon.

THIRD YEAR

1. Discipline, Part IV.
2. Church History Learned.
3. Introduction to the New Testament D.S.Spencer.
4. Systematic Theology, Vol. II. Raymond.
5. Old Testament Theology Oehler.
6. Life of Christ, Second Half Imbrie.

STATISTICS

SOUTH JAPAN MISSION CONFERENCE, FOR 1901.

Church Membership. Baptisms. Sunday Schools.										Church Property.								
Names of Charges.	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of (Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.		No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving (Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church Property.	
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Fukuoka District.																		
Fukuoka	32	114		1	3	8	6	15	220		1	Y	4000.	1	Y	500.	40.00	
Hakata & Saga	16	30			1	5	3	9	92									
Kokura & Moji	15	18			1	1	2	3	40									
Kurume & Yamagawa	5	45				3	2	2	22									
Kutami & Waifu	9	27			5	3	2	3	27						7.95			
Omuta	14	24					1	2	25		1		3000.		5.00	18.00	12.00	
Wakamatsu	17	34	1	2		4	1	3	26		1		2500.	1	500.	88.52	1000.00	
	108	292	1	3	10	23	17	37	452		3		9500.	2	1000.	141.47	18.00	1012.00
Nagasaki District																		
Kagoshima	15	36				10	3	6	80		1		4500.	1	500.	250.00	5.00	5.00
Kajiki	11	11		1			1	3	28									
Kumamoto & Yatsushiro	53	100	1		4	14	4	8	94		1		5540	1	1500.	138.00	65.00	19.00
Nagasaki—Deshima	126	218	3	1	1	40	2	60	650		1		7000.	1	1000.			
Kojiyamachi	7	88			3	3	1	7	61		1		2000.	1	500.	35.56		31.00
Okinawa	19	27	1		8	5	1	6	100									
Sendai	11	28				3	1	3	26									
	242	508	5	2	16	75	13	93	1039		4		19,040.	4	3500.	423.56	70.00	55.00
Recapitulation 1901																		
Totals 1900	350	800	6	5	26	98	30	130	1491		7		28,540	6	4000.	565.03	88.00	1067.00
Gain	323	765	8	14	49	138	34	139	1715		7		12,640	5	2845.	593.78	146.00	1049.00
Loss	27	35	2	9	23	40	4	9	224				15,900	1	1155.		18.00	
1 yen=50 cents Gold.																		

SOUTH JAPAN MISSION CONFERENCE, FOR 1901.

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SOUTH JAPAN MISSION CONFERENCE, FOR 1901.

Name of Charges.	Name of Pastor.	Pastor's Support.				Support of Presiding Elders.		Support of Bishops.		Total Support: Pastors Presiding Elders, and Bishops.		Conference Contributions Received from		Current Expenses.	
		Claims.	Receipts.	Deficiencies.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Collections.	Other Sources.	Total.	Church, Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.		
Fukuoka District															
Fukuoka	K. Kosaka	132.00	132.00	144.00	144.00			1.00	145.00	1.00		1.00	25.53	3.80	
Hakata & Saga	C. Nigano	38.50	38.50	36.00	36.00	2.50		.50	36.50	.50		50	11.53	18.90	
Kokura & Moji	U. Kaneko	33.00	33.00	36.00	36.00			.50	36.50	.25		.25	1.45		
Kurume & Yanagawa	N. Kawasaki	49.50	49.50	51.00	54.00			1.00	55.00	.50		.50	18.86		
Kutani & Waifu	S. Fujii	20.17	20.17	22.17	22.17			.40	22.57	.15		.15	3.32		
Omura	K. Ichichi	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00			.25	12.25	.20		.20	4.69	2.29	
Wakamatsu	S. Yoshioka	55.00	55.00	60.00	70.00			.88	60.88	.20		.20	8.53		
		339.17	339.17	361.17	364.17	2.50		4.53	368.70	2.80		2.80	73.97	24.99	
Nagasaki District															
Kagoshima	S. Matsumoto	55.00	55.00	63.00	63.00			.60	63.60	.50		.50	59.21		
Kajiki	C. Kawase	14.30	14.30	14.30	14.30				14.30				6.16		
Kumamoto & Yatsushir	Y. Tsuda	62.50	62.50	69.40	69.40			1.20	70.60	1.10		1.10	38.71	16.50	
Nagasaki—Deshima	T. Nakamura	275.00	275.00	275.00	275.00			2.81	277.81	1.20		1.20	53.52	44.80	
" Kojiyamach	C. Nakayama	220.00	220.00	227.25	227.25			.09	227.34	.50		.50	29.01	7.79	
Okinawa	K. Murai	96.25	96.25	88.00	88.00	8.25		.20	88.20	1.00		1.00	5.02	6.42	
Sendai	T. Otake	16.50	16.50	18.50	18.50			.20	18.70	.70		.70	6.00	.95	
		739.75	739.75	755.45	755.45	8.25		5.10	760.55	5.00		5.00	197.63	76.46	
Recapitulation 1901															
Total 1900		913.00	915.00	915.00											
Gain		165.92	163.92	204.32	204.62										
Loss								2.39					45.54		
Yen—50 cents Gold.															

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A. E. Rigby,
Secretary.

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MEMBERS.

Entered Travelling Connection.	Name.	Rank.	Address.	Years in Appoint- ment.
1873	Davison, John C.	E.	Kumamoto	1
1882	Fulkerson, Epperson R.	E.	6-B Higashi-yama Nagasaki	2
1898	Ichichi, Kuro	D.	Higashite, Kumono Jo Mura Satsuma gun, Kumamoto ken	2
1883	Johnson, Herbert B.	P.E.	77 Tei jin Cho, Fukuoka	
1898	Kaneko, Ukichi	D.	Omuta, Chikugo	2
1898	Kawasaki, Noboru	D.	Japanese Coast Mission, U.S.A.	2
1891	Kawase, Kotaro	E.	40 Tenjin Cho, Fukuoka	1
1879	Kosaka, Keinosuke	P.E.	Hakata	1
1880	Matsumoto, Sogo	E.	321 Yamate Mochi, Kagoshima, Satsuma	5
1889	Murai, Kiso	D.	87 Kure, Nahaku, Okinawa	3
1885	Nagano, Chiujo	E.	Moji	1
1891	Nakamura, Tokutaro	E.	Deshima M. E. Church, Nagasaki	4
1882	Nakayama, Chiujo	E.	62 Kojiyamachi, Nagasaki	3
1886	Otake, Tsunenari	E.	Kokubu.	1
1899	Rigby, Archibald E.	D.	6-A Kojiyamachi Nagasaki	2
1893	Sasamori, Uichiro	E.	Nagasaki	10
1887	Schwartz, Henry B.	P.E.	Kagoshima.	
1892	Tsuda, Yoshito	E.	Wakamatsu	1
1897	Yoshioka, Seimei	E.	At school in the United States	

Number of Members 19.

PROBATIONERS :

1901	Chiga, Toranosuke	2d yr.	Kumamoto	2
1902	Watanabe, S.	1st yr.	Kutami.	

Committees.

STANDING.

BENEVOLENCES AND SELF-SUPPORT ;—

T. Nakamura, H. B. Johnson, T. Chiga,
H. B. Schwartz, K. Kosaka.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS ;—

S. Matsumoto, K. Kawase, C. Nakayama.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS ;—

C. Nagano, U. Kaneko, K. Ichichi.

EDUCATION AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE ;—

K. Kawase, A. E. Rigby, T. Otake.

ESTIMATES FOR EVANGELISTIC WORK ;—

K. Kosaka, S. Matsumoto, C. Nagano.

MISSIONS (REDISTRIBUTION) ;—

The Presiding-Elders.

SPECIAL.

AUDIT ;—

E. R. Fulkerson, C. Nakayama.

CONFERENCE VISITORS TO CHINZEI SEMINARY ;—

T. Chiga, and Pastor of Deshima Church, Nagasaki.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM AND ARRANGEMENTS ;—

Presiding Elder, Pastors in Nagasaki, and Suganuma and Toko.

CENTRAL MISSION CONFERENCE ;—

C. Nakayama, S. Matsumoto, K. Kosaka, C. Nagano, H. B. Johnson, H. B. Schwartz, J. C. Davison.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

CONFERENCE INTERPRETER ;—

U. Sasamori.

CONFERENCE REPORTER ;—

S. Fujii.

TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON ;—

H. B. Schwartz, T. Chiga, Alternate.

TRIERS OF APPEALS ;—

K. Kosaka, S. Matsumoto, U. Sasamori, E. R. Fulkerson, C. Nagano, Y. Tsuda, T. Otake.

CONFERENCE BOARDS.

EXAMINERS ;—

H. B. Johnson, H. B. Schwartz, U. Sasamori, C. Nakayama, E. R. Fulkerson, S. Matsumoto.

STEWARDS ;—

H. B. Johnson, S. Matsumoto, K. Kawase, K. Kosaka.

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

CHURCH EXTENSION ;—

H. B. Johnson, President, C. Nakayama, Secretary, U. Sasamori, Treasurer.

EDUCATION ;—

H. B. Schwartz, President, K. Kawase, Vice-President, U. Sasamori, Secretary, E. R. Fulkerson, Treasurer.

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY ;—

S. Matsumoto, President,
U. Sasamori, Secretary, K. Kosaka, Treasurer.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

	NUMERICAL.	1901	1902
Members of Conference :	Missionaries	5	5
	Japanese	14	14.
Conference Probationers		3	2.
Supplies		5	
Missionaries of the W. F. M. S.		8	8.
Church Members		800	851.
Probationers		350	438.
Baptisms ;—Children		26	26.
Adults		98	134.
Sunday-schools		30	40.
Scholars		1491	1547.

FINANCIAL.

Paid for Church Building and Improvement.	Yen	565.03	524.22
„ Old Indebtedness	„	88.00	135.00
„ Pastoral Support	„	1119.62	1411.62
„ Current Expenses incl. S. schools,	„	372.99	554.30
„ Benevolent Collections	„	168.30	202.58
„ Other Collections	„	294.57	503.25
The total amount raised for all purposes	„	2608.51	3330.97
Amount per member, not including probationers		3.26	3.91

JOURNAL

FIRST DAY.

Wednesday April 2, 1902.

The South Japan Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met for its fourth session at the church in Kumamoto Wednesday, April 2, 1902, at nine o'clock, Bishop D. H. Moore, D.D. presiding.

Opening :—Bishop Moore addressed the Conference, referring to his recent trip through South and West China. He contrasted the disjointed conditions in that empire with the perfect unity of Japan. He emphasized the part which Japan must take in the enlightening and Christianizing of China, and the great importance of our work here.

The Bishop then announced that H. B. Johnson, Presiding Elder of the Fukuoka District, had requested that H. B. Schwartz, Presiding Elder of the Nagasaki District, take charge of the Sacramental service. Hymns Nos. 65 and 64 were sung, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

Roll-Call :—Henry B. Schwartz, secretary of the last Session, called the *roll* of the *Conference*. Eighteen members and probationers answered to their names.

Transfer :—The transfer of Milton S. Vail to the Japan Conference was announced.

Organization :—On motion of H. B. Schwartz, A. E. Rigby was elected English secretary, and on motion of C. Nakayama, U. Kaneko was elected Japanese Secretary.

E. R. Fulkerson was elected Statistical Secretary and Conference Treasurer, with T. Nakamura as assistant. U. Sasamori was made Conference Interpreter.

Standing Committees :—H. B. Johnson reported nominations for the standing committees and they were elected as follows :—

Benevolences and Self-Support, T. Nakamura, H. B. Johnson, T. Chiga, H. B. Schwartz, K. Kosaka.

Conference Relations, S. Matsumoto, K. Kawase, C. Nakayama.

District Conference Records, C. Nagano, U. Kaneko, K. Ichichi.

Education and Christian Literature, K. Kawase, A. E. Rigby, T. Otake

Estimates for Evangelistic Work, K. Kosaka, S. Matsumoto, C. Nagano

Missions (Redistribution), The Presiding Elders.

Conference Stewards :—H. B. Johnson, S. Matsumoto, K. Kawase, and K. Kosaka were elected Conference Stewards.

Conference Reporter :—S. Fujii was elected as reporter to the Gokyo.

Conference Program :—The Conference Program was adopted as reported by the Committee. By common consent the committee, H. B. Johnson and T. Chiga, were empowered to arrange details of places for evening services.

Conference Bar :—On motion of S. Matsumoto the bar of the Conference was fixed to include the first four rows of seats in the middle, and the first three on the west side.

Fraternal Letter :—H. B. Johnson read a fraternal letter from a committee appointed by the last session of the Japan Conference, and moved the appointment of a committee to respond with fraternal greetings. H. B. Johnson, C. Nakayama were elected.

Letters from Absent Members :—H. B. Schwartz announced the receipt, recently, of a letter from J. C. Davison.

A letter from S. Yoshioka, attending Drew Theological Semin-

ary was presented by H. B. Johnson, and on motion of H. B. Schwartz, S. Matsumoto was elected a committee to answer it.

Gokyo :—A letter from the Editor of the Gokyo was presented by H. B. Johnson, who moved its reference to the Committee on Christian Literature.

Statistical Session :—The time for the Statistical Session was fixed for this afternoon at three o'clock. C. Nakayama was appointed to preside at that session.

Conference Expenses :—E. R. Fulkerson moved a committee on Conference expenses. K. Murai, T. Chiga were appointed.

Question Thirteen :—Question thirteen was taken up and the character of all the elders and deacons passed, also of the preachers on trial.

Disciplinary Questions :—Questions one, two, three, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-two, twenty-three, were asked, and the answer in every case was "none."

Question Fourteen :—Milton S. Vail has been transferred to the Japan Conference.

Question Twenty-four :—Who are the Triers of Appeals? K. Kosaka, S. Matsumoto, U. Sasamori, E. R. Fulkerson, C. Nagano, Y. Tsuda and T. Otake were elected.

Question Thirty :—Where shall the next Conference be held? Nagasaki, Kagoshima and Saga were placed in nomination. Nagasaki was chosen.

Methodist Union :—H. B. Johnson announced the receipt of reports from North Japan on Methodist Union, and moved that tomorrow, at 11 o'clock, be set as the time to consider the question.

Report on Japanese Minutes :—H. B. Johnson presented to the Conference Secretary the written report of the Japanese Secretary of last year on the publishing of the Minutes, also the Conference papers.

Adjournment :—On motion of H. B. Johnson it was voted to adjourn. The Doxology was sung and S. Matsumoto pronounced the benediction.

Resolved, (1.) That we are heartily in sympathy with the idea of Christian Union in general and of Methodist Union in particular, and look forward to the day when there shall be one strong, self-supporting, self-propagating Methodist Church in this Empire.

Resolved (2.) That until such Union can be brought about, we strongly favor co-operation in Educational work, especially in Colleges and Theological schools, and greatly regret that the proposed 'Basis' makes no provision for this.

Resolved (3.) That because of this and of what we deem as other serious defects in this 'Basis,' we appoint a committee of five, of whom two shall be missionaries, to consider carefully the whole question, with a view of finding a satisfactory solution of the difficulties, said committee to report at the next Conference."

C. Nakayama moved, and it was so voted, to lay the Resolutions on the table and discuss the Basis of Union as presented from North Japan.

After some discussion, H. B. Johnson moved that a Committee be appointed to consider the question of Union and report one year hence.

H. B. Schwartz moved as an amendment that the matter be referred to the Quarterly Conferences for an expression of opinion as to whether they desire Union.

On motion of K. Kosaka, it was voted to lay the whole matter on the table until next year.

Adjournment :—On motion of H. B. Schwartz the Conference adjourned, after the singing of the Doxology, the Benediction being pronounced by C. Nagano.

THIRD DAY.

Friday, April 4, 1902.

The Conference met at 8 : 30 for devotional service, K. Ichichi leading.

At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair.

Minutes :—The English and Japanese minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

Gokyo :—Bishop Moore presented a letter from D. S. Spencer urging support of the Gokyo.

Auditing Committee :—H. B. Johnson, Conference treasurer of the past year, requested a committee to audit his accounts. E. R. Fulkerson and C. Nakayama were appointed.

Question 26 :—Was taken up, and the treasurer announced Yen 202. 57 as the aggregate of benevolent collections.

Memorial to General Conference :—The following was presented by H. B. Johnson, seconded by H. B. Schwartz,

“To the General Conference of 1904 of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dear Fathers and Brethren :—

The South Japan Mission Conference respectfully requests you to restore to us and to all members of Mission Conferences what we believe to be our right to vote upon Constitutional Questions. The voting on the New Constitutions throughout the Church at the present time makes us painfully conscious of our disenfranchisement. Why should the brethren in the Japan Conference to which we belonged until the division in 1898, enjoy privileges in this respect from which we are deprived? Are we not as competent to vote upon such questions as we were then? Are not all Methodist preachers equally interested in what affects the life and prosperity of the Church? While at the organization of our Conference we gladly yielded certain other privileges in order, as we thought, to further the interests of Methodism in Japan, we see no reason in Constitutional law or in

Equity why we should be disenfranchised and hence we humbly pray you to carefully consider this important matter."

The memorial was adopted unanimously.

Reports :—C. Nagano presented the report of the Committee on Conference Records, and C. Nakayama the report of the Committee on Conference Relations.

Central Mission Conference :—C. Nakayama moved the appointment of a Committee, with full power to act, in forming a Central Mission Conference in Japan. The following were elected members of the Committee, C. Nakayama, S. Matsumoto, K. Kosaka, C. Nagano, H. B. Johnson, H. B. Schwartz, J. C. Davison.

Publishing Minutes :—H. B. Schwartz moved that the secretaries be appointed to publish the minutes.

Constitution of Chinzei Gakkwan :—H. B. Schwartz reported that the Missionary Board in New York had ordered the present plan—The Finance Committee to be the Board of Managers of the School.

Conference Visitors :—E. R. Fulkerson moved the appointment of a committee to visit Chinzei Gakkwan. The Pastor of Deshima Church, Nagasaki, and T. Chiga were elected.

Statistical Report :—The Statistical Report was read by the assistant statistical secretary, T. Nakamura.

Time of Adjournment :—On motion of H. B. Johnson it was voted to adjourn at 11 o'clock in order to give Committees time to meet.

Question 8 :—Who are in studies of the Third year? K. Ichichi, A. E. Rigby. The following, K. Murai and U. Kaneko, having passed the studies of the third year, were advanced to the fourth year.

Questions 10, 11, 12 :—were asked, and the answer in every case was "none."

Question 6 :—who have been discontinued? was recalled, and U. Kawase was announced as having requested to be discontinued on account of illness.

Question 9 :—What members are in the studies of the fourth year? K. Murai, U. Kaneko.

Adjournment :—The time fixed for adjournment having arrived, the Doxology was sung and E. R. Fulkerson pronounced the Benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

Saturday, April 5, 1902.

A short devotional service was held, and at 9 o'clock the Conference was called to order by Bishop Moore.

Minutes :—The English Minutes of Yesterday were read and approved.

U. Kaneko being ill and unable to attend the session, S. Fujii was elected Secretary protem and read the Japanese Minutes, which were approved.

Fraternal Letter :—T. Nakamura read the letter written to S. Yoshioka, which was approved. The Committee was instructed to write a similar letter to N. Kawasaki.

Excuse from Attendance :—On motion of A. E. Rigby, E. R. Fulkerson's request to be excused from further attendance was granted.

Benevolences and Self-Support :—T. Nakamura read the report of the Committee on Benevolences and Self-Support, which was adopted.

Japanese Minutes :—S. Fujii presented a statement of the publisher of the Japanese Minutes.

Education :—K. Kawase read the report of the Committee on Education, which was accepted. The report of the Principal, E. R. Fulkerson, was also read.

Publishing House :—J. L. Cowen's report as Publishing Agent, was presented, and on motion of H. B. Schwartz, was accepted and ordered printed in the Minutes.

Treasurer's Report :—H. B. Johnson presented his report as treasurer, of Conference Claimant's Fund, which was accepted, having been duly audited.

Introductions : — Rev. K. Miyama, Temperance Evangelist, member of the Japan Conference, was introduced, and addressed the Conference for a short time on Formosa, telling of a number of Methodist families in Tai Wan who are anxious for us to open work there.

On motion of H. B. Schwartz, S. Matsumoto and Y. Tsuda were appointed to write a letter of encouragement to the Methodists in Taiwan.

Profs. H. Yoshizaki and J. V. Martin of Chinzei Seminary, Prof. S. Toyama of the Kumamoto Koto Gakko, and Miss Mabel Seeds of Eiwa Jo Gakko were introduced to the Conference.

Conference Stewards' Report :—The report of the Board of Stewards was presented by K. Kawase. C. Nakayama moved to amend the report by giving Yen 36 as allowance to Kimura's boy. Bishop Moore having presented yen 6 to the fund, the report as amended was adopted.

On motion of H. B. Johnson, it was voted to authorize the Conference treasurer to loan, in cases of sickness or special distress, not to exceed Yen 20 to one person.

Report of Visitors to Chinzei :—C. Nakayama presented a report of the committee appointed at the last session to visit Chinzei Gakkwan. On motion of H. B. Schwartz it was voted to adopt the report and have it printed in the Minutes. It was voted, on motion of U. Sasamori, to appoint the pastors on the two Nagasaki Churches as Committee to consult with the Principal of Chinzei Gakkwan as to the advisability of carrying out the recommendations.

Official Minutes :—On motion of H. B. Schwartz, the printed English Minutes were ordered to be the Official Record of the Conference.

Introductions :—Rev. Mr. Painter of the Episcopal Church in

Kumamoto, and Rev. C. H. B. Woodd of the Episcopal Church in Fukuoka, were introduced and made brief remarks.

Estimates for Evangelistic Work:—C. Nagano presented the report of the Committee on Evangelistic work, which was adopted as the basis on which redistribution should be attempted.

Conference Societies:—As moved by U. Sasamori, the officers of the Church Extension, Home Missionary, and Educational Societies were elected as reported by the societies.

Redistribution:—The report of the Redistribution Committee was presented by H. B. Johnson.

Vote of Thanks:—T. Nakamura moved that the Conference extend a vote of thanks to the Presiding Elder of the District, and to the Pastor and members of the Kumamoto Church, for the royal treatment afforded us. This was heartily voted.

Resolution of Appreciation:—A resolution was introduced by C. Nakayama, expressing appreciation of the Presidency of Bishop Moore. This was adopted by a rising vote.

Church Extension:—C. Nakayama offered an amendment to the Constitution of the Church Extension Society, which was adopted, as follows:—

“ Art. VI. Sec. 2, shall be amended so as to read.

‘ If any Church should request a loan when Conference is not in session, the officers are empowered to grant it after due consideration.’”

Time of Adjournment:—H. B. Schwartz moved, and it was so voted, that after the ordination service to-morrow afternoon, and after the reading of the appointments, this Conference stand adjourned.

Committee of Conference Arrangement:—On motion of H. B. Schwartz, a committee on Program and arrangements for the next Conference was constituted as follows:—Presiding Elder of the District, pastors of the Nagasaki Churches, two laymen, G. Suganuma, C. Toko.

On motion of T. Chiga, the Arrangement Committee was instructed to arrange as soon as possible for two lectures, and assign subjects.

Collection :—A collection was taken for Conference expenses, and the full amount was raised.

Minutes :—The Minutes for the day, both English and Japanese, were read and approved.

Adjournment :—The Doxology was sung and Rev. K. Miyama pronounced the Benediction.

FIFTH DAY.

Sunday, April 6, 1902.

Pursuant to order of adjournment of yesterday, the Conference met for ordination service at 2 p.m., after which the Bishop presented the Certificate of Ordination :—

This certifies that on the sixth day of April, 1902, under the election of the South Japan Mission Conference, I ordained as Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Kuro Ichichi and Archibald Edward Rigby.

Done at Kumamoto, Japan.

DAVID H. MOORE,
Bishop.

Following this the Bishop addressed the Conference earnestly. He then read the appointments, and after pronouncing the Benediction, announced the adjournment of the Conference.

DAVID H. MOORE,
President.

A. E. RIGBY,
Secretary.



DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who have been received by transfer and from what Conferences? None.
2. Who have been readmitted? None.
3. Who have been received on Credentials and from what Churches? None.
4. Who have been received on trial? S. Watanabe.
5. Who have been Continued on trial?
 - (a) In studies of the first year. S. Watanabe.
 - (b) In studies of the second year. T. Chiga.
6. Who have been discontinued? U. Kawase.
7. Who have been admitted into full membership?
 - (a) Elected and ordained Deacons this year. K. Ichichi, A. E. Rigby.
8. What members are in studies of the third year? K. Ichichi, A. E. Rigby.
9. What members are in the studies of the fourth year? K. Murai, U. Kaneko.
10. What members have completed the Conference Course of Study? None.
11. What others have been elected and ordained Deacons? None.
12. What others have been elected and ordained Elders? None.
13. Was the character of each preacher examined? Yes.
14. Who have been transferred and to what Conferences? Milton S. Vail to the Japan Conference.
15. Who have died? None,
16. Who have located at their own request? None.
17. Who have been located? None.
18. Who have withdrawn? None.
19. Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges? None.

20. Who have been expelled? None.
 21. What other personal notation should be made? None.
 22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? None.
 23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? None.
 24. Who are the Triers of Appeals? K. Kosaka, S. Matsumoto, U. Sasamori, E. R. Fulkerson, C. Nagano, Y. Tsuda, T. Otake.
 25. What is the statistical report for this year? See Statistics.
 26. What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? Yen. 202.58.
 27. What are the claims on the Conference Fund?
 28. What has been received on these funds and how has it been applied? Yen 174.55.
To claimants Yen 136. Held as reserve fund, Yen 38.55.
 29. Where are the Preachers stationed? See Appointments.
 30. Where shall the next Conference be held? Nagasaki.
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APPOINTMENTS.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

K. Kosaka, Presiding Elder, residence Hakata.

Hakata,	. . . . .	K. Kosaka.
Koga and Fukuma,	. . . . .	to be supplied.
Wakamatsu,	. . . . .	Y. Tsuda.
Nagata,	. . . . .	to be supplied.
Moji,	. . . . .	C. Nagano.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

H. B. Johnson, Presiding Elder, residence Fukuoka.

Fukuoka and Kurume,	. . . . .	K. Kawase, A. D. Berry.
Kashima Circuit,	. . . . .	to be supplied.
Sasebo,	. . . . .	to be supplied.
Omura,	. . . . .	to be supplied.
Isahaya,	. . . . .	to be supplied.
Shimabara,	. . . . .	to be supplied.
Nagasaki ; Deshima,	. . . . .	T. Nakamura.
„ Kojiyamachi,	. . . . .	C. Nakayama.

E. R. Fulkerson, Principal Chinzei Seminary, U. Sasamori
and A. E. Rigby, Professors, members of Deshima Quarterly
Conference.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

J. C. Davison Presiding Elder, residence Kumamoto.

(Temporarily supplied by H. B. Johnson)

Omuta and Seitaka,	U. Kaneko.
Yanagawa and Okawa,	to be supplied.
Kutami and Waifu,	S. Watanabe.
Kumamoto,	T. Chiga.
Uto Circuit,	to be supplied.
Yatsushiro Circuit,	supplied by Y. Narita.
Educational Work,	J. V. Martin.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

H. B. Schwartz, Presiding Elder, residence Kagoshima.

Kagoshima,	S. Matsumoto.
Kajiki Circuit,	to be supplied.
Kokubu Circuit,	T. Otake.
Yokogawa,	to be supplied.
Hitoyoshi,	to be supplied.
Sendai and Miyanojo,	K. Ichichi.
Nishikata Circuit,	to be supplied.
Okinawa (Loo Choo)	K. Murai.
Formosa,	to be supplied.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE SOUTH JAPAN WOMAN'S
CONFERENCE.

I. Evangelistic Work.

South Kiushiu, Loo Choo and Formosa District.

Miss Jennie M. Gheer, Supt.

One to be supplied.

Kumamoto, Two to be supplied.

North Kiushin District.

Miss Leonora M. Seeds, Supt.

One to be supplied.

Miss Lida B. Smith, Home on leave.

II. Educational Work.

Elizabeth Russell, Supt.

Kwassui Jo Gakko,

Miss Marianna Young, President.

Miss Elizabeth Russell.

Miss Lola M. Kidwell.

English Department, to be supplied.

Musical Department, to be supplied,

Kindergarten Department, to be supplied.

Biblical Department, Miss Mary E. Melton.

Ei Wa Jo Gakko, Preparatory to Kwassui Jo Gakko.

Miss Mabel K. Seeds, Principal.

Miss Leonora Seeds.

Koga Orphanage, Miss Elizabeth Russell.

Directing Faculty,

Elizabeth Russell.

Marianna Young.

Mabel K. Seeds,

Jennie M. Gheer.

Leonora M. Seeds.

Lola M. Kidwell.

Mary E. Melton.

PUBLIC SERVICES AND ANNIVERSARIES.

Tuesday Evening, April 1.

After a short devotional service, Rev T. Nakamura preached the Missionary Sermon, K. Murai presiding at the Service.

Wednesday, April 2.

At 2 p.m., Rev. H. B. Schwartz delivered a lecture on the Call to the Ministry. In the evening, the following organizations held meetings and discussed their respective work :—

Educational Society.

Church Extension Society.

Home Missionary Society.

Thursday, April 3.

A Conference lecture was given at 2 p.m. by H. Yoshizaki his theme being "Methods of Studying the Bible." In the evening, at a meeting of the pastors, there was thorough discussion of the two important subjects :—

How to Secure Candidates for the Ministry.

How to Lead Inquirers into the Christian Life.

Friday, April 4.

At 2 p.m. the third Conference lecture was given by Rev. H. B. Johnson, on "A Conquering Faith." In the evening an Evangelistic meeting was held, at which Y. Tsuda presided, the speakers being K. Kosaka, subject "Repentance."

Saturday, April 5.

In the afternoon, the members of the Kumamoto Church entertained the Conference in a royal manner at the beautiful Sui Zenji Park.

A Japanese feast was provided, and music and speeches were enjoyed. In the evening, C. Nagano presided at a temperance meeting. Rev. T. Miyama delivered a stirring gospel temperance address.

Sunday, April 6.

A Spiritual Love Feast service was held at 9 : a.m. led by Rev. S. Matsumoto. The Conference Sermon was preached by Bishop Moore. At the ordination service, held at 2 p.m. the Bishop was assisted by Revs. K. Kosaka, C. Nakayama and H. B. Schwartz.

REPORTS.

PRESIDING ELDERS.

FUKUOKA DISTRICT.

Herbert B. Johnson, Presiding Elder.

Rich have been the blessings that God has bestowed within the bounds of the Fukuoka District during the past year. While we longed for a wider and a deeper work during the first year of the new century, we have great reason for praise and thanks giving not only for what has been accomplished, but for the outlook for the coming year.

The year now closing has been to the writer one of rich blessing and of very hard work. Two weekly Bible classes have been sustained during the year, and an extra one on Sunday when I have been in Fukuoka. My duties as Mission Treasurer have required not a little time and strength. But my principal work has been among the churches, it having been my privilege to preach more than during any other year since coming to Japan.

Conference and Post-conference Changes: The transfer of Kumamoto and Yatsushiro to the Fukuoka District brought the remaining part of the Higo Province within the bounds of the district, so that it now includes the Fukuoka, Saga, and Kumamoto Kens. The changes made at conference time included not only an exchange of workers but, in three cases, a change in place of residence as well. The wisdom of these is now universally conceded. Several months passed before brother Tsuda found a suitable house in Saga or brother Kaneko at Seitaka, but the outlook in both places is now excellent. In view of brother K. Kawase's return from America, brother Yoshioka was relieved from his work at Wakamatsu in September, as per the understanding at conference, and is now pursuing regular work at Drew Theological Seminary. Brother Nagano, because of illness and the necessity for an operation, entered the city hospital October first where he remained for over six weeks. Because of his health and for other reasons, he was then transferred to Moji and brother U. Kawase from Moji to Hakata. Both started out with fine prospects, but January had not closed before brother Kawase was compelled to give up his work because of throat and lung trouble, and the sad feature is that the doctor will

not allow him to take work from this conference. His brother has cared for the work at Koga from Wakamatsu, and brother Kosaka and I have supplied the work at Hakata. It will thus be seen that, with the changes made at conference, all of the pastors on the District are closing their first year except brother Kosaka at Fukuoka and brother Narita, a Local Preacher, at Yatsushiro. This has naturally had an effect upon the ingathering this year, but all are now nicely settled and the outlook for next year is the brightest in several years. To the great joy of all the workers on the District, Miss Mabel Seeds arrived the latter part of February to join her sister who, for the past two years, has been the sole representative of the W. F. M. S. on the District. Her welcome was most hearty and the congratulations to her most sincere.

Methods of Work: As in the past, the usual methods of preaching, Bible teaching, and pastoral work have been followed. But, two or three things are to be specially noted,—There has been much more co-operation in the work, the pastors helping each other in special evangelistic services according to a regular plan; the preaching has been more simple and direct and evangelistic; and all realize more and more that laymen have a very important work in this great warfare. The artillery and infantry must co-operate. Neither can succeed without the other. One very encouraging sign is the increasing interest taken in the work on the part of laymen. The District Conference in October was largely given to the discussion of practical methods of work, and doubtless had its influence in the changes noted.

Encouraging Gains: There have been sixty five baptisms during the year, every charge being represented. This is a gain of twelve adults and two children, or a gain of twenty five percent over last year for the same charges. There is also a gain of twenty seven full members. There will appear a small loss in probationers, but a large gain in enrolled inquirers. The list as per charges is shown below. The collections are considerably in advance of last year, especially the contributions for the Foreign Missionary Society.

The gain in self-support is still more encouraging. With the exception of Hakata every charge has made a fine advance, and considering the illness of both preachers, as above noted, and the loss of one subscription of eighteen yen, the showing of this church is splendid. The churches have promised 54.50 yen per month against 43.55 yen the past year, or a gain of over twenty five per cent. Kumamoto increases from five to nine yen per month. Fukuoka promises sixteen yen, or double what it gave four years ago notwithstanding the setting off of Hakata. Full self-support is in sight in the near future. All of the churches deserve special mention for all have made fine gains. Several of the churches could do much better but for extra expenses for repairs, interest, etc. For example, the Wakamatsu church has raised over 450 yen during the year of which only 78 yen is for the pastor's salary. They paid 85 yen for interest, 96 yen for debt, 64 yen for repairs, and the balance for benevolences, current expenses, etc. According to ability, several of the other churches have done equally well.

Needs: The church at Kumamoto renews its request for a resident missionary, and I trust the way may open from this conference to carry out the long cherished desire of the Mission and of the local church to have a missionary reside there.

Not only should the work be strongly maintained in the cities and towns where we now have preachers and Bible women, but now is the opportune time to open work in some of the smaller places. If the men can be found, I strongly recommend the appointment of three men for village preaching, one for towns between Moji and Hakata, one for the section between Kumamoto and Yatsushiro, and one for the large tract between Saga and Omura. If this cannot be done, extra rent and circuit travel must be secured to work these places from our present centers.

Another and a very pressing need is money with which to build neat but substantial churches. It is next to impossible to build up strong churches where we are constantly compelled to change houses and frequently localities. We have been compelled to make six such changes in this District this year.

The Outlook: With the exception of two or three places, notably Yanagawa and Kurume, the outlook for the coming year is very encouraging both at the centers and at the outstations as well. The Twentieth Century Forward Movement has been disappointing in the number already gathered into the church. But if it be regarded as the beginning of a more aggressive warfare against the powers of darkness; there is much to encourage. If all signs do not fail, there certainly will be many more baptisms next year than we report this. Not a single pastor has appeared to be in undue haste in baptising inquirers, but on the other hand all see the necessity of laying strong and sure foundations for a spiritual and aggressive church.

The enrolled inquirers are distributed as follows,—Yatsushiro 4, Hakata 5, Saga and Kurume 15, Kutami and Waifu (including Yamaga) 17, Wakamatsu 18, Omuta and Seitaka 19, Kumamoto 30, Moji and Kokura (including Miss Omura's work at Kitagata) 47, and Fukuoka 59. Besides this there is a general interest in Christianity such as has never before been known. As we enter upon the new year, may our strength and our faith be commensurate with our opportunities!

NAGASAKI DISTRICT.

Henry B. Schwartz, Presiding Elder.

Brother Davison's departure for America immediately after conference left little time to consult with him and I began the work of the year with scarcely any knowledge of the district. In fact I had never seen any of it outside of Nagasaki. The best I could do was to feel my way cautiously making as few changes as possible and for the first part of the year letting the district run with the momentum which the energy of the former elder had given it. In September: Dr. Fulkerson returned and relieved me of the charge of the school and little by little I have come to understand the conditions until now I begin to feel that I again have on the evangelistic harness.

Not only has *Chinsei Seminary* been strengthened by Dr. Fulkerson's return, but Prof. H. Yoshizaki, splendidly equipped by extended studies in America, has been added to the faculty. A thoroughly competent kanji has been found in the person of Mr. Kato. These changes, with the presence of Brothers Rigby and Martin, have made the faculty the strongest of any institution of similar grade in Kiushiu. Notwithstanding the increase in tuition fees there has been no falling off in the number of students. During the year 313 students have been enrolled.

Kwasui Girl's School has also had one of the best years in its history. Miss Kidwell's return has somewhat relieved the overworked teaching force, but two additional foreign teachers are still greatly needed. The strain of the past two years has been very hard on Miss Young and both she and Miss Melton should take their furlough this year. It is imperative that the school should have help at once.

Every point on the district has made some advance. Our two Nagasaki churches are both entirely self supporting and the District will advance about 120 yen in this line during the coming year.

Deshima Church, Tokutaro Nakamura, pastor, has had a year of constant activity. The meeting of the Kiushu Evangelical Alliance and the subsequent lecture meetings, Mr. John R. Mott's meeting and Dr. A. B. Torrey's meetings were all of special help to this church. In addition to these the pastor has held three series of special meetings which have been a great blessing to the church. Many persons outside of the students who make up so large a part of this congregation, have been reached. In all these meetings teachers and students of the two schools have been of great help. 40 baptisms are reported.

The *Kojiyamachi Church* of which Bro. Chujo Nakayama is pastor, is the banner church in the line of self support. Of the 59 resident members of this church 40 are regular contributors and have given for all purposes over 550 yen, more than one yen per month on the average. I am not sure but what, considering membership and ability, it is not the best church in this line in Japan.

It has been a great joy to watch the growth of this church, and it is a pleasure to hold its quarterly conference. Its official members are not many but they are usually in their places and their reports are always good. Much of the success of this church in financial matters is due to its efficient steward. Bro. Toko, who gets others to give by setting them an example in giving.

The Chinese work which has been connected with this church has been carried on for the most part by Bro. S. Yiu Ming, whom at the last District Conference we licensed as a local preacher. Bro. Yiu Ming intends to devote himself more and more to Christian work.

Bro. Nakayama reports 8 baptisms.

Omura, S. Fujii, pastor, is a hard place. It has a Middle School, a garrison and is a large and pretty town, but it is sleepy and conservative. The principal of the school and the commandant of the garrison are opposed to Christianity and do all

they can to prevent those under them from having anything to do with the church. Alas, that I should have to report it, this opposition has been so strong that there have been a number of instances where those who have been Christians elsewhere have concealed the fact on coming here. We have held two or three special meetings here with helpers from Nagasaki, and I think good has been done. During the week I spent here in February, we came somewhat into contact with the students and I hope the prejudice and opposition may yet be broken down. Two have been baptized. Sasebo was connected with this place with the thought that it might be made the head of the circuit. But house rent there is so high as to prevent that and as two other churches are working there while we are alone in Omura we must devote our energy to the latter place at present and wait for more men and more means before taking up Sasebo.

Kagoshima, Sogo Matsumoto, pastor, reports 19 baptisms. This church has had a constant growth. All classes of people are coming into it. Bro. Matsumoto is liked by every body and as the youngest member of this conference, in spirit at least, is especially popular with the young men, who make up so large a part of the *Kagoshima* community. Since Miss Smith's return to America, Miss Gheer has been alone here. We hear something of a companion to be sent out to her but nothing certain. Women's work here is very much needed, for *Kagoshima* women are very generally without any religion or any interest in it and can only be reached by the personal work of other women.

About the last of February, after long waiting I found a home here. From this as a centre I hope during the next year to be able to do something among the many towns and villages which make up *Satsuma* and *Osumi*.

With *Kajiki*, where *Tsunenari Otaka* is located, is connected the town or *Kokubu*. There is considerable rivalry between the two places and so far as our church is concerned the smaller place is becoming the more important. It should be given a pastor and made the head of a new circuit, while *Shigetomi* and *Kamo* ought to be added to *Kajiki* to form a circuit bearing that name. The sturdy, samurai farmers who make up the population of these villages are among the best people of *Satsuma* and should be reached with the Gospel. At the two points there have been three baptisms.

Sendai is another populous *Satsuma* town. *Kuro Ichichi* is the pastor. In May, when I visited this place first, I became acquainted with some of the Middle School students. They visited me every day during my stay and again during my next visit. In connection with the meetings held here by Brothers *Sasamori* and *Nakamura* at the time of the District Conference, four of these young men requested baptism and still later four more were baptized. Bro. *Ijichi* has been afflicted by the severe and protracted illness of Mrs. *Ijichi* as well as by illness of his own. Both are, however, in their usual health again. A new church for *Sendai* is one of the things we have asked for, year after year. It is more needed now than ever before. But we have succeeded in renting a better preaching place and we hope the day is not

far distant when we shall have a Methodist home of our own here.

If I have left our work in *Okinawa*, Riu Kiu Islands, until the last it is not because it is least important or least interesting. So far as any connection with the rest of our work is concerned, Bro. Murai is a real foreign missionary and deserves a warm welcome whenever he returns to the mainland. Bro. Murai is succeeding as those who knew him expected he would succeed when he was sent to Riu Kiu. What with street and chapel preaching four nights in the week, the prayer meeting and the regular church services on Sunday, Bro. Murai gets hold of the people. There are some who laugh at the kerosene oil cans he beats to get the people together, but by means of them he gets people to hear him and is not content to preach to empty mats as some critical people are. He has a fine body of workers and a congregation which often fills his church and yard too. Some of Bro. Murai's methods if adopted elsewhere would bring the success they have in Riu Kiu. Eleven have been baptized during the year.

A great deal of good was done at our *District Conference* which was held in Kagoshima in the autumn. In connection with it meetings were held at every point in Satsuma. The conference itself was short, earnest and fraternal. We were all better for it.

Such is a general survey of our work. I have not tried to give the number of inquirers. Every church has them. Some have many. It has been a good year on this District. The next may and ought to be better.

I wish in conclusion to return my thanks to all the pastors for the many kindnesses shown me during the year and especially to Bro. Nakayama for holding the second quarterly conference in Riu Kiu for me and to Prof. Sasamori for his ever ready assistance in the evangelistic work of the district.

FINANCES.
MISSIONS.
REDISTRIBUTION OF EVANGELISTIC FUND.

	Yen.	Yen.	Yen.
Total Mission Grant			4632.
Salaries: Jan.—Mar.	1275.		
Less Self support,	355.05	919.95	
Rents: Jan.—Mar.		321.00	
Balance for nine months		3391.05	
		<u>4632.00</u>	<u>4632.</u>
Balance for nine months as above			3391.05
Promised Self Support: Apr.—Dec.			1219.50
Special Gifts			181.95
Salaries: Apr.—Dec.		3708.00	
U. Kawase, Special relief		100.00	
S. Fujii, April		21.50	
Rents:—Apr.—Dec.		963.00	
		<u>4792.50</u>	<u>4792.50</u>

REDISTRIBUTION:—APRIL—DECEMBER.

P.E. Claim	Appointments	Salary Grants	Rents	Total Expenditure	Self- Support	Grant in Aid.
.12	Hakata	35.	15.	50.	4.	46.
.06	Koga and Fukuma				2.	
.23	Wakamatsu	31.	8.	39.	7.50	29.50
.09	Moji	34.	13.	47.	3.	44.
.06	Kokura Circuit		3.	3.	2.	1.
.50	Fukuoko	27.		27.	16.	11.
	Kurume		2.50	2.50	.50	2.
	Omura Circuit		4.	4.		4.
	Isahaya		2.50	2.50		2.50
.90	Nagasaki: Deshima	30.		30.	30.	
.90	„ Kojiyamachi	30.		30.	30.	
.17	Omuta and Seitaka	27.	6.50	33.50	5.	28.50
	Yanagawa and Okawo		3.50	3.50	50.	3.00
.09	Kutani and Waifu	24.	7.	31.	3.	28.
.27	Kumamoto	29.		29.	9.	20.
	Uto Circuit		2.	2.		2.

.03	Yatsushiro	24.	7.50	31.50	1.	30.50
.30	Kugoshima	36.		36.	10.	26.
	Kajiki Circuit		3.	3.		3.
.06	Kokubu Circuit	30.	6.	36.	2.	34.
.06	Sendai Circuit	24.	10.50	34.50	2.	32.50
.24	Okinawa	31.	13.	44.	8.	36.
4.08	Total per Mo.	412.	107.	519.	135.58	383.53
36.72	Total for Nine Months	3708.	963.	4691.	1219.50	3451.50

Herbert B. Johnson,
Henry B. Schwartz,
Committee.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

RESOURCES.

	Yen.
Balance of last year loaned to three brethren	60.
New York Dividend \$ 50., about	100.
Conference Collection	8.55
Special Gift of Bishop Moore	6.

DISBURSEMENTS.

	Yen.
Kinura, Katsumi	36.
Otake, Tsunenari	20.
Nakayama, Chiyo	25.
Kosaka, Keinosuke	25.
Nagano, Chujo	30.
Balance	38.55
	174.55
	174.55

S. Matsumoto, Chairman,
K. Kawase, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANT'S FUND.

1901.

		Yen.	
Mar. 16.	Bal. from 1900	129.68	
	Transferred from account of		
	Collection for P. E.	.35	
	Conference Collections	7.80	
May 2.	Book Concern Draft \$ 53.	106.	
Aug. 12.	Contribution of H. B. Johnson	1.17	
Mar. 19.	Grant to T. Otake		29.00
	" " Y. Tsuda		5.00
23.	" " K. Kosaka (part)		70.00
May 2.	" " K. Kosaka to Bal.		30.00
	C. Nakayama for K. Kimura		36.00
3.	Loan to C. Nakayama		20.00
6.	Grant to C. Nagano		15.00
	Loan to C. Nagano		20.00
	Loan to K. Kosaka		20.00
		245.00	245.00

Note :—The above loans as per order of last Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. Johnson.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCES AND SELF SUPPORT.

The Report of the Benevolent collections is very encouraging. Compared with last year there is an increase of yen 25.65. For Foreign Missions the increase is yen 10.70.

There has been a gain in the amount raised for self-support of yen 292.00.

Change of District boundaries, throwing Kumamoto from the Nagasaki to the Fukuoka District, explains the decrease in some of the collections of the Nagasaki District.

We are glad to report that the amounts promised for self-support next year show a promised increase of over yen 250.

We are grateful for such good results and wish that every church would take fresh courage in the matter of self-support and strive for still better results in the year to come.

T. Nakamura, Chairman.
H. B. Schwartz, Secretary.

REPORT OF PUBLISHING WORK.

J. L. Cowen, Pub. Agent.

The Publishing House has had a very prosperous year. On account of the special work among the churches during the Taikyo Dendo we have printed and circulated about three times the number of tracts usually printed.

Total number of Tracts printed during the year 272,000. This does not include thousands of tracts printed by us during the year but for other parties and at their own expense.

Total number volumes Books etc. printed 19,000.

Total number volumes S. S. helps. 98,800., a total publication of volumes of all kinds of, 285,800. Total pages printed 9,250,000.

During the year we have established a Depository at Nagasaki, for the better accomodation of the South Japan Conference. It has not as yet proved a financial success, but the prospects are good for a self-supporting business in the near future. We ask your cordial support.

Our printing department is now not only self-supporting but is making a profit on the money invested. The sales of English books and periodicals has nearly doubled during the year. Increase in sales yen 10,750.00. As increased sales mean increased profits, and increased profits means more money with which to print and circulate tracts and Christian books, we would urge our pastors to make more personal effort to see that our church members have a chance to read or at least know what our books are. Talk about our publications and urge them to write us for particulars.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

1. Your Committee recommends that Bro. S. Yoshioka be left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

2. Also that Bro. N. Kawasaki be appointed to work in California under Dr. Harris.

3. We recommend that Bro. N. Kawase, being sick, be withdrawn and that he be given six months' salary.

S. Matsumoto,
C. Nakayama,
K. Kawase.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

Your Committee respectfully report that they have examined the records of the Fukuoka, and Nagasaki District Conferences, and that they are correct and neatly kept.

C. Nagano.
U. Kaneko.
K. Ichichi.

EDUCATION.

The friends of Christian Education have great cause for encouragement.

Chinzei Gakkwan made constant advance under the principalship of Bro Schwartz, and is continuing its prosperity under the leadership of Dr. Fulkerson, who returned last fall to take up his duties with renewed vigor.

The following recommendations are presented by the committee with reference to Chinzei:—

1. That as a Conference we pledge our hearty support to the school.
2. The enlargement of dormitory and class room facilities is an imperative need.
3. The employment of high grade Christian teachers is commended, and the policy should be to support them sufficiently to make their positions secure.
4. We believe that the ranks of our ministry in this part of the empire must be largely recruited from men educated in Kiu Shiu, and that the opening of a Theological Department in the near future should receive careful consideration.
5. We would place emphasis on that part of the Principal's report which urge the need of a dormitory master.

Kwassui Jo Gakko has had a good year. Miss Lizzie Martin returned to her work in China during the year, but the return of Miss Kidwell leaves the number of teachers the same as before.

In the Fukuoka school the arrival of Miss Mabel Seeds supplies the place of Dr. Lizzie Martin who returned to China last summer.

The work of these two girls' schools as evangelizing forces deserves especial commendation.

CHINZEI GAKKWAN.

Another year in the life of the school has passed into history. The year has been full of hard work and blessed victory. 313 students were enrolled during the year, while the average daily attendance was perhaps higher than in any previous year. Several changes were made in the teaching force. The addition of Prof. H. Yoshizaki has strengthened us religiously as well as intellectually. Mr. Kosa is doing good work in the Chinese department.

As the school continued to grow in numbers, it became evident that a regular Kanji must be secured. We were fortunate in getting Mr. K. Kato, who took up his work in November. Being a practical business man, he is giving great satisfaction in this difficult position. Our next move should be to secure a good man who can give his full time to the management of the dormitories. This would greatly increase the efficiency of the boarding department.

The religious work of the school has been very satisfactory. More than fifty men took a definite stand for Christ during the year. Some of them were members of the church before, but many of them were new students.

Thirteen men graduated from the various courses at the end of the school year. The presence of Bishop Moore at our Commencement was an inspiration to all.

We are greatly in need of new buildings, which we hope to secure from the 20th Century movement. I gladly testify to the excellent religious work done by Dr. Sasamori during the year. We are proud of the fact that he has been selected as the national delegate to the International Y. M. C. A. Convention to be held in Europe during the coming summer.

Respectfully submitted.

E. R. Fulkerson,
Principal.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE VISITORS.*To Chinzei Gakkwan.*

1. It is to be congratulated that the number of students is rapidly increasing.
2. One of the good works done by the Principal is the repair made in the dormitories, and the improvement of the athletic ground.
3. The school is greatly strengthened by appointing Mr. Hikoichi Yoshizaki as one of her teachers.
4. The appointment of the Kanji is a wise move.

But we cannot close our eyes to many] a defect in the governing of the Gakkwan :—

1. The rules of the dormitories are not strictly enforced upon. There is need of appointing a strong Christian for the head of the dormitory.

2. There is need of having a special Christian teacher as the leader of every day prayer meeting.

3. If possible, all teachers should be Christians.

4. There is need of getting one person to act as the superintendent of board, as health is most important for the students.

5. The buildings are too small in proportion to the number of students.

6. There is need of having a Department of Theology. That would greatly increase the religious influence upon the students. Such a department is needed for the training of Christian Workers.

Keinosuke Kosaka.

Chujo Nakayama.

STATISTICS

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SOUTH JAPAN MISSION CONFERENCE FOR 1902.

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SOUTH JAPAN MISSION CONFERENCE, FOR 1902.

Benevolent Collections.															
Names of Charges.	Missions.			Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Education.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Home Missionary Society.	Total Other Benevolent Claimants.	General Conference Expenses.	Conference Claimants.	Episcopal Fund.
	Church. (a)	Sunday School. (b)	Total				(a) Educational Collection.	(b) Children's Fund.							
Fukuoka District.															
Fukuoka	11.00	.30	11.30	2.40	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50		2.40	57.42		.80	1.00
Hakata	5.00	1.00	6.00	2.40	.30	.50	.30	.50	.30		.60	15.00		.50	.60
Kokura & Moji	5.00		5.00	2.40	.25	.40	.25	.40	.25	.30	1.20	5.00		.40	.50
Saga and Kurume	3.00		3.00	1.35	.20	.30	.20	.30	.20	.20	1.35	9.00		.20	.20
Kutani & Waifu	3.50	.10	3.60	2.40	.10	.60	.10	.60	.15	.10	2.40	2.45		.15	.40
Omuta & Yanagawa	4.50	.50	5.00	2.00	.20	.40	.20	.40	.25		2.50	2.70		.70	1.25
Wakamatsu	6.50	.30	6.80	2.40	.25	.98	.25	.98	.25		2.40	91.50		.20	.88
Kumamoto	7.00	.50	7.50	2.50	.50	2.10	.50	2.10	1.00		2.50	116.43		1.10	1.20
Total	45.50	2.70	48.20	17.85	.70	5.78	2.30	5.78	2.90	.60	15.35	299.50		4.05	6.03
Nagasaki District.															
Kagoshima	3.00		3.00	2.40	.30	3.10	.30	3.10	.20	.50	2.40	62.67		.50	.60
Kajiki	.50		.50	1.20	.10	.10	.10	.10			1.40	13.50		.10	.10
Nagasaki; Deshima	17.50		17.50	7.70	1.00	8.20	1.00	8.20	1.00		8.70	53.52		2.40	3.00
" Kojiyamachi	1.00		1.00	1.70	.50	1.51	.50	1.51	1.37		2.06	24.52		.50	.10
Okinawa	5.00		5.00	1.20	.30	1.50	.30	1.50	.30	.30	4.80	35.00		1.00	.20
Sendai	.50		.50	1.40	.20	.20	.20	.20		.10	2.42	8.06			.20
Omura	.50		.50	1.30	.05	.52	.05	.52			1.40	6.48			.10
Total	28.00		28.00	16.90	.50	15.22	2.45	15.22	2.87	.90	23.18	203.75		4.50	4.30
Recapitulation 1902															
Total 1901	73.50	2.70	76.20	34.75	1.20	21.00	4.75	21.00	5.77	1.50	38.53	503.25		8.55	10.33
Gain	62.05	3.45	65.50	30.87	.50	21.55	4.08	21.55	3.88	1.10	33.02	294.57		7.80	9.63
Loss	11.45	.75	10.70	8.88	.70	.55	.67	.55	1.89	.40	5.51	208.68		.75	.70
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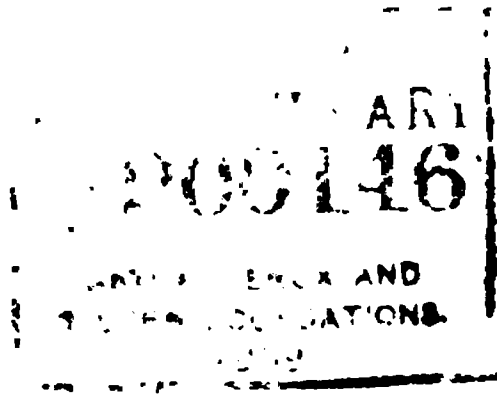
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A. E. Rigby,

Secretary.

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Conference Directory.

Entered Traveling Connection.	Name.	Rank.	Address.	Years in App't.
1899	Berry, Arthur D.	E.	Moji	1
1901	Chiga, Toranosuke		Kumamoto shi, Sannenzaka, M. E. Church.	3
1873	Davison, John C.	P. E.	Kumamoto, 435 Shinyashiki.	2
1882	Fulkerson, Epperson R.	E.	Nagasaki, 6. B. Higashiyamate.	8
1898	Ichichi, Kuro	D.	Kagoshima ken, Sendai, Mukoda Machi,	3
1883	Johnson, Herbert B.	P. E.	Fukuoka, 77 Tenjin cho.	2
1898	Kaneko, Ukichi	E.	Fukuoka ken, Wakamatsu, Hamanomachi, 40 ban.	1
1898	Kawasaki, Noboru	D.	Boston, Mass. U. S. A. Boston University.	
1891	Kawase, Kotaro	E.	Fukuoka shi 40 Tenjin Cho.	2
1879	Kosaka, Keinosuk	P. E.	Fukuoka shi Hakata Niju ie machi, 11 ban.	2
1880	Matsumoto, Sogo	E.	Kagoshima shi, Yamashita cho, Hiranobaba, M. E. Church	6
1889	Murai, Kiso	E.	Okinawa ken, Naha kei, kei me M. E. Church.	4
1885	Nagano, Chiujo	E.	Moji, Kusanoki cho 6 cho me.	2

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1891	Nakamura, Tokutaro	E.	Nagasaki shi, Deshima, 22 ban. M. E. Church.	5
1882	Nakayama, Chiujo	E.	Nagasaki, Kojiya machi, M. E. Church.	4
1886	Otake, Tsunenari	E.	Kagoshima ken, Kajiki machi M. E. Church.	2
1899	Rigby, Arch E.	D.	Nagasaki, 6 A. Higashiyamate.	3
1893	Sasamori, Uichiro	E.	Nagasaki, Chinzei Gakkwan.	11
1887	Schwartz, Henry B.	P. E.	Kagoshima shi, 41 Kasuga cho.	2
1892	Tsuda, Yoshito	E.	Kurume, Ta machi 1, Yoshitake Masu kata.	1
1897	Yoshioka, Seimei	E.	New York. U. S. A.	

NUMBER OF MEMBERS 21.

PROBATIONERS.

1903	Takeda, Torasaku	1st. Yr.	Kagoshima shi, Yamashita cho, M. E. Church.	1
1902	Watanabe, Suian	2nd. Yr.	Kumamoto ken, Yamaga machi, M. E. Church.	2

SUPPLIES.

Narita, Yasufusa	Kumamoto ken, Yatsushiro machi, M. E. Church.	
Inouye, C.	Fukuoka ken, Setaka machi, M. E. Church.	1

Committees.

STANDING:

BENEVOLENCES :

Y. Tsuda, A. D. Berry,
H. B. Schwartz, T. Chiga.

SELF SUPPORT :

S. Matsumoto, C. Nagano,
U. Kaneko, H. B. Johnson.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS :—

K. Kawase, K. Murai,
K. Kosaka, J. C. Davison.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS :—

T. Otake, A. E. Rigby,
T. Nakamura.

EDUCATION AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE :

C. Nakayama, H. B. Johnson, T. Chiga.

MISSIONS (REDISTRIBUTION) :—

The Presiding Elders.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISTIC WORK :—

C. Nagano, T. Nakamura,
T. Chiga, K. Murai.

CENTRAL MISSION CONFERENCE :—

C. Nakayama, C. Nagano,
H. B. Johnson, U. Sasamori.

SPECIAL.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM AND ENTERTAINMENT :—

The Presiding Elder of Western District.
and the Pastors at Fukuoka and Hakata.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE :—

K. Kawase, A. D. Berry.

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H. B. Schwartz, T. Chiga,

A. D. Berry.

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE :—

J. C. Davison, U. Sasamori,

H. B. Johnson.

JURIDICAL PERSON :—

H. B. Johnson, E. R. Fulkerson,

C. Nakayama.

CCNGRATULATORY LETTER :—

J. C. Davison, U. Sasamori.

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H. B. Schwartz, H. B. Johnson,

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K. Kosaka.

PUBLISHING HOUSE, STATUS OF NAGASAKI BRANCH :—

C. Nakayama, T. Chiga,

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CONGRATULATORY LETTER :—

J. C. Davison, U. Sasamori.

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K. Kosaka, H. B. Schwartz,

J. C. Davison.

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J. C. Davison, U. Sasamori,

K. Kosaka.

PUBLISHING HOUSE, STATUS OF NAGASAKI BRANCH :—

C. Nakayama, T. Chiga,

H. B. Johnson.

JAPANESE STUDENTS :—

K. Kosaka, K. Kawase,
H. B. Johnson.

GOKYO :—

K. B. Schwartz, T. Chiga, U. Kaneko.

Special Appointments.

CONFERENCE INTERPRETERS :—

U. Sasamori, K. Kawase.

CONFERENCE REPORTS :—

K. Ichichi.

TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON :—

T. Chiga, A. D. Berry alternate,

TRIERS OF APPEALS :—

K. Kosaka, J. C. Davison, U. Sasamori, E. R. Fulkerson,
G. Nagano, Y. Tsuda, T. Otake.

Conference Boards.

EXAMINERS :—

H. B. Johnson, H. B. Schwartz, U. Sasamori, C. Nakayama,
E. R. Fulkerson, K. Kawase.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS :—

T. Chiga, U. Kaneko, C. Nagano, Y. Tsuda.

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H. B. Johnson, *President*,

C. Nakayama, *Sec.* U. Sasamori, *Treas.*

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H. B. Schwartz, *Pres.* K. Kawase, *Vice Pres.*

U. Sasamori, *Sec.* A. D. Berry, *Treas.*

HOME MISSIONS :—

S. Matsumoto, *Pres.*, U. Sasamori, *Sec'y*, K. Kosaka, *Treas.*

PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

President, U. Sasamori; *Sec'y*, T. Nakamura,

Treas. E. R. Fulkerson,

Councillors H. B. Johnson, K. Kosaka, K. Kawase.




SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

NUMERICAL.

	1902	1903
Members of Conference :—Missionaries	5	6
Japanese	14	15
Conference Probationers	2	2
„ Supplies		3
Missionaries of the W. F. M. S.	8	9
Church Members	851	922
Probationers	438	466
Baptisms :—Children ;	26	17
„ Adults,	134	148
Sunday Schools	40	33
Sunday School Scholars	1547	1953
„ „ Officers and Teachers	109	124

FINANCIAL.

Church Building and Improvement	524.22	186.31
Old Indebtedness Paid	135.00	86
Pastoral Support	1411.62	1697.40
Current Expenses	432.04	335.13
Sunday School Expenses	122.26	96.08
Benevolent Collections	202.58	304.64
Other Collections	503.25	320.78
Grand Total	Yen 3530.97	3026.34

 Increase: Full Members, 71, Probationers 28.

„ Baptisms 5.

„ Pastoral Support yen 285.78,

JOURNAL.



FIRST DAY.

Friday, April 17, 1903.

The South Japan Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met for its fifth session in the Deshima Church, Nagasaki, Friday, April 17th 1903, Bishop David H. Moore, D. D., LL. D., presiding.

Opening.—Bishop Moore called the Conference to order, and after the singing of a hymn, administered the Lord's Supper, assisted by the Presiding Elders. The Bishop then addressed the Conference briefly, urging the importance of doing everything as in the presence of God, and expressing gratitude at being able to meet this year with no loss of numbers.

Roll call.—A. E. Rigby, Secretary of the last session, called the roll and eighteen members and probationers responded.

Transfer.—The Bishop announced the transfer of Rev. Arthur D. Berry, an elder from the Newark Conference.

Organization.—On motion of E. R. Fulkerson, A. E. Rigby was re-elected English Secretary, and on motion of H. B. Johnson, U. Kaneko was re-elected Japanese Secretary, E. R. Fulkerson was re-elected Statistical Secretary and Treasurer, and nominated as his assistant T. Chiga.

As Conference Interpreters ; K. Kawase and U. Sasamori were elected.

Standing Committees.—H. B. Schwartz reported nominations for the standing Committees.

E. R. Fulkerson asked to be excused from the Committee on Education, and on motion, H. B. Johnson was substituted.

The Committees were then elected as follows:—

Benevolences.—Y. Tsuda, A. D. Berry, H. B. Schwartz, T. Chiga.

Self-Support.—S. Matsumoto, C. Nagano, U. Kaneko, H. B. Johnson.

Conference Relations.—R. Kawase, K. Murai, K. Kosaka, J. C. Davison.

District Conference Records.—T. Otake, A. E. Rigby, T. Nakamura.

Education and Christian Literature.—T. Chiga.

Conference Stewards; On the nomination of C. Nakayama, the Conference Stewards were elected as follows:—

T. Chiga, U. Kaneko, C. Nagano, Y. Tsuda.

Conference Reporter; On notion of U. Kaneko, K. Ichichi was elected as Conference Reporter to the *Gokyo*.

Conference Bar.—On motion of K. Kosaka, the Bar of the Conference was fixed at the first four rows of seats in the center.

It was voted that Rev. D. S. Spencer and Rev. S. Ogata visitors from Japan Conference be invited to sit with the Conference.

Introductions.—The Bishop introduced Rev. D. S. Spencer and Rev. S. Ogata, fraternal delegates from the Japan Conference.

J. C. Davison moved that 11 o'clock be fixed as the hour for hearing the fraternal delegates. Voted.

Statistical Session.—The time for the statistical session was fixed for 2 p.m. C. Nakayama was appointed by the Bishop to preside at that session.

Letters.—J. C. Davison announced the receipt of a letter of greeting from Dr. M. C. Harris. This was referred to the Conference Interpreter to be translated into Japanese and presented later.

A letter was read from K. Yoshioka, at present in New York.

Program.—The printed program was adopted, with the change of the hour of Love Feast Sunday morning to 9,30 o'clock.

It was voted that the Committee on Program be empowered to make any other necessary changes.

Book Concern Draft.—Bishop Moore announced a draft of \$86 U. S. gold, Book Concern dividend.

This was ordered made payable to the Conference Treasurer.

Introductions.—The Bishop presented Rev. A. D. Berry, who was welcomed as a member.

Mr. Julian Moore, the Bishop's son, was introduced.

Hour of Adjournment.—11:45 was fixed for the hour of adjournment.

Fraternal Greetings.—Mr. Julian Moore gave the Conference by means of his phonograph, a reproduction of a fraternal greeting from Rev. Julius Soper, D. D. of the Japan Conference. This was interpreted by Rev. S. Ogata. Bro. Spencer and Bro. Ogata then spoke, bringing messages of fellowship and encouragement from the Japan Conference. A fraternal letter was read, from the Japan Conference, also one from S. Fujii formerly of this Conference. On motion of H. B. Johnson, the time was extended to hear responses to the fraternal addresses.

S. Matsumoto responded.

K. Kawase and A. D. Berry were appointed a committee to reply to the letters.

Central Mission Conference.—C. Nakayama moved an extension of the time to allow discussions of the Central Mission Conference. This motion carried.

On motion of C. Nakayama, an advisory Committee was appointed to confer with the Bishop as to the time of the Central Mission Conference. C. Nakayama, C. Nagano, H. B. Johnson appointed.

Adjournment.—The doxology was sung and S. Ogata pronounced the benediction.

STATISTICAL SESSION.

The Conference met in statistical session at 2 p.m., Apr. 17., C. Nakayama presiding.

The roll of the charges was called and all presented their statistics and benevolences except Yatsushiro.

The Conference then adjourned, Bro. Ogata pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

Sat. April 18, 1903.

A devotional service was held at 8.30. T. Chiga leading.

At 9:00 o'clock Bishop Moore called the Conference to order.

Minutes.—The Minutes of the preceding day, in Japanese and English were read and approved.

Gokyo.—A letter from the publishers of the *Gokyo* was read.

Letters.—A letter was read from Noboru Kawasaki who is attending Boston University.

Introductions.—Bro. Gaja a local preacher from Loo Choo, a native of Loo Choo, was introduced and greeted.

Disciplinary Question, No. 13, was taken up and as the roll was called the character of each member and probationer was passed.

Auditing Committee.—The Conference Treasurer, E. R. Fulkerson, requested a committee to audit the accounts. H. B. Schwartz, T. Chiga, A. D. Berry were appointed.

Reports.—On motion of H. B. Johnson, it was ordered that the pastors report the number of baptisms on their respective charges.

H. B. Schwartz read his report as Presiding Elder of the Southern District.

K. Kosaka, Presiding Elder of the Northern District, H. B. Johnson, Presiding Elder of the Western District, and J. C. Davison,

Presiding Elder of the Central District, presented their reports.

(See reports.)

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Letters of Sympathy.—It was voted to appoint a committee to write a letter of condolence to Bishop Cranston expressing our sympathy with him in the loss of his beloved wife.

J. C. Davison, U. Sasamori, H. B. Johnson were appointed.

The Fourth Question.—Who have been received on trial?

Torasaku Takeda who graduates from Boston University this year, was represented by H. B. Johnson as having been recommended by the Western District Conference.

In view of certificates of work done in Theological School, it was voted that he be received on trial provided he pass the examinations before the Committee on his return.

The Fifth Question.—Who have been continued on trial? S. Watanabe, having passed the examinations of the first year, was advanced to the second year.

The Ninth Question.—What members are in the studies of the fourth year; K. Ichichi and A. E. Rigby, having passed in the studies of the third year, were advanced to the fourth year.

The Eighth Question.—What Members are in studies of the third year? T. Chiga, having passed the studies of the second year, was called before the Conference, and after giving satisfactory answers to the disciplinary questions, was admitted into full membership and advanced to the third year. He is already a Local Elder.

The Tenth Question.—What Members have completed the Conference course of study.

Ukichi Kaneko, having completed the Conference course of study, was elected to elder's orders.

Kiso Murai, already an Elder, having completed the course of study was passed to the list of effective Elders.

The Eleventh Question.—What others have been elected and ordained deacons?

(a) As Local Deacons?

Yi Eun Sung of Korea recommended by the Korean Mission,

was elected to Local Deacons Orders, to be ordained by the Bishop in Korea.

Questions.—12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 were called, and the answer in every case was none.

Question twenty-four.—Who are the triers of Appeals? The following were elected, K. Kosaka, J. C. Davison, U. Sasamori, E. R. Fulkerson, C. Nagano, Y. Tsuda, T. Otake.

Reports of Committees.—H. B. Schwartz announced the receipt of the report of the Publishing House and moved its reference to the Committee on Education and Christian Literature. Carried. For the Auditing Committee, H. B. Schwartz reported.

E. R. Fulkerson, Conference Treasurer, reported as to the disposition of the Conference funds the past year.

Introductions.—Rev. R. B. Peery, Ph. D., of the Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Saga, was introduced and spoke briefly.

Mr. Miller and his wife and son Carl, of Stamford, Connecticut, U. S. A. were introduced.

Expression of Thanks.—On motion of H. B. Schwartz, a vote of thanks was extended to Dr. Suganuma for the plants which she sent to decorate the church,

Adjournment.—The Doxology was sung and Dr. Peery pronounced the benediction.

THIRD DAY.

Monday, April 20, 1903.

The Devotional Exercises of the Conference were held at 8:30 o'clock led by K. Murai. at 9:00 a. m. the Bishop called the Conference to order.

Minutes.—The English and Japanese minutes were read and approved.

Change of Program.—H. B. Johnson moved that the program

for to-morrow, Tuesday, be changed by placing Dr. Sasamori's lecture at 2:00 p. m., Conference to meet at 3:00 p. m.

Adjournment.—A. E. Rigby moved that when we adjourn it be to meet at 2:00 p. m. to-day, to receive the report from the women's Conference and to transact such other business as may come before us, carried.

Juridical person.—H. B. Johnson moved the appointment of a committee of three to consider carefully the question of forming a juridical person for holding our church property, this committee to perfect so far as possible a plan and report at the next session of Conference.

Official Minutes.—On motion of J. C. Davison it was voted that the printed English minutes be made the Official Record of the Conference.

Central Mission Conference.—J. C. Davison moved that the advisory Committee appointed to consider the time of meeting of the Central Mission Conference be made a standing Committee with power to make all preliminary arrangements in case the Conference be held, and that U. Sasamori be added. Carried.

Methodist Union :—

The following resolution was offered :—

Resolved.—That in our conviction the Methodisms of Japan, especially the Episcopal Methodisms, should be one church, and that such a union should include a consolidation of Educational interests, especially in higher schools and theological work.

Resolved.—2, That as it fails to make provision for such union in Educational work, and in our opinion contains other serious defects, we are unable wholly to approve the proposed plan of union, but,

Resolved.—3, That, in harmony with the action of the Japan Conference and some other Methodist Bodies, that we appoint a Committee of five who shall carefully consider this question during the ensuing year and present a memorial to the General Conference

to be considered at our session next year, signed H. B. Schwartz, H. B. Johnson. On motion of C. Nagano, the consideration of this resolution was made the order of the day for to-morrow, Tuesday, after the reading of the Minutes.

The Thirtieth Question.—Where shall the next Conference be held? Fukuoka was placed in nomination by K. Kawase, and was chosen.

Questions.—2, 3 and 6 were asked, and the answer in each case was none.

Fraternal Letter.—The letter from Dr. M. C. Harris, having been translated into Japanese, was read. On motion of H. B. Johnson, a special Committee was appointed, consisting of J. C. Davison and U. Sasamori to write a congratulatory letter on the occasion of the 25th, anniversary of the Japanese Pacific Coast Mission, which is to be celebrated next autumn.

Wesley Anniversary.—Dr. Sasamori moved that the pastors be instructed to hold a service some time in June, in commemoration of the two hundredth anniversary of John Wesley's birth, each pastor to fix the time for his own service. Carried.

Conference Aid Bureau.—A draft of a proposed Constitution for a Conference aid Bureau was presented and read. It was voted that the consideration of this question be made the order of the day immediately after the report of the Woman's Conference this afternoon.

Redistribution Committee.—A motion by C. Nagano was carried, that the Committee on Redistribution consist of the Presiding Elders, and that an advisory Committee on Evangelistic Work be appointed by the Bishop to consist of one member from each district.

The following were appointed:—

C. Nagano, T. Nakamura, T. Chiga, K. Murai.

Announcements of Committee meetings were made.

Adjournment.—It was voted to adjourn. The doxology was sung and S. Matsumoto pronounced the benediction.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

Tuesday, April 21.

Conference met at 2 p. m.,

Woman's Conference Report.—After the singing of hymn No. 178, Bishop Moore presented Mrs. Moore, Hon. President of the Woman's Conference and Miss Elizabeth Russell, Superintendent of Educational Work. Miss Russell presided during the presentation of the Woman's Work, and after reviewing the work of the past year called on Mrs. Saruda, Bible Woman, to give a report of her work.

The Ladies' Quartette sang "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

Mrs. Oshima, Bible Woman, gave a report.

Bishop Moore responded to the reports.

Miss Carnahan, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, was introduced, and spoke a few moments.

The Quartette sang again, and the Woman's Conference report was concluded.

Minutes.—The minutes of the morning session were read, corrected, and approved.

Preachers' Aid Bureau.—On the motion of H. B. Johnson the order of the day was taken up.

A motion to refer the matter to a committee with introductions to report next year was made, but was laid on the table.

The proposed Constitution was taken up and after considerable discussion, it was voted to refer the whole matter to a committee of five, with instructions to report to-morrow.

Committee.—C. Nagano, C. Nakayama, K. Kosaka, H. B. Schwartz, J. C. Davison.

A motion to adjourn was carried, after the doxology Y. Tsuda pronounced the benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

Tuesday, April 21, 1903.

Bishop Moore called the Conference to order at 3 p. m.

Minutes.—The minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved, both English and Japanese.

Methodist Union.—The order of the day was taken up, on the motion of H. B. Schwartz.

The resolution was read.

A motion was made to strike out Article II.

The signers of the resolution agreed to this amendment, with the omission, also, of the first clause of Article III.

The resolution was then adopted. (see resolution)

The committee provided for was announced by the Bishop; H. B. Schwartz, U. Sasamori, H. B. Johnson, J. C. Davison, K. Kosaka.

Juridical Person.—The Bishop announced as committee on Juridical Person, H. B. Johnson, E. R. Fulkerson, C. Nakayama.

Statistical Report.—The report of the statistical secretary was read, amended and adopted. (see Reports.)

Conference Relations.—K. Kawase reported for this committee, and the report was adopted. (see Reports.)

Benevolences.—Y. Tsuda reported. (see Reports.)

District Conference Records.—T. Otake reported.

(see Reports.)

Redistribution.—H. B. Johnson moved that the redistribution be referred to the Presiding Elders, with authority to act, not reporting to the Conference, the action to appear in the printed minutes. Carried.

Preachers' Relief.—C. Nakayama reported for the Committee.

After considerable discussion, it was voted that the question be referred for further consideration, and made the order of the day after the reading of the minutes to-morrow.

Publishing Minutes.—On motion of H. B. Schwartz, the secretaries were made the committee to publish the minutes, with instructions to have the English and Japanese Minutes printed in the same office.

Adjournment.—K. Kosaka moved to adjourn, to meet tomorrow at 1 p. m.

The Doxology was sung and the benediction was given by T. Otake.

FIFTH DAY.

Wednesday, April 22, 1903.

The Conference convened at 1 p. m.

After the singing of a hymn, H. B. Johnson led in prayer.

Minutes.—The minutes of the previous session, English and Japanese, were read and approved.

Education and Christian Literature.—For this Committee, H. B. Johnson reported. (see Reports.)

The Committee, called for by the report was appointed, C. Nakayama, T. Chiga, H. B. Johnson.

Self-support.—H. B. Johnson read the report. (see Reports.)

The Conference Visitors to Chinzei Seminary reported. (See Reports.)

Gokyo.—On motion of H. B. Schwartz, a Committee was appointed to express to the Publishers of the "*Gokyo*" the belief of this Conference that the *Gokyo* is, 1, not strong enough for the preachers, and, 2, not popular enough for the people.

Instructions were given to suggest to the Publishers a large edition of a supplement of four pages for wider distribution.

Committee.—H. B. Schwartz, T. Chiga, U. Kaneko.

Anniversaries.—On motion of U. Sasamori, a recess was taken in order to hold the anniversaries of the Societies, at 3:45 the Bishop again called the Conference to order.

Introduction.—Rev. C. M. Myers, of the Dutch Reformed Mission, Nagasaki, was introduced.

Preachers' Aid Society.—On motion the order of the day was

called for, and A. D. Berry presented a Constitution which was discussed and adopted. (see Constitution.)

A short recess was taken to perfect the organization of the Society.

After the recess, on motion of K. Kosaka, a Committee of three was appointed to secure as far as possible, compliance on the part of former Japanese students in the United States, with the terms of their contract with the Missionary Society. K. Kosaka, K. Kawase, H. B. Johnson appointed.

Missionary Sermon.—T. Chiga was appointed to preach the Missionary sermon next year, with A. D. Berry as alternate.

The Board of Examiners was announced, H. B. Johnson, H. B. Schwartz, U. Sasamori, C. Nakayama, E. R. Fulkerson, K. Kawase.

Statistics.—H. B. Johnson moved that the Presiding Elders be constituted a standing Committee on statistics, to receive the statistics from the pastors before Conference next year, and present them at Conference, to the Statistical Secretary. Carried.

Program Committee.—On motion of A. E. Rigby, the Presiding Elder of the Western District and the pastors at Fukuoka and Hakata were made Committee on Conference Program and arrangements.

Conference Societies.—U. Sasamori reported the officers of the Conference Societies, and the report was adopted (see list.)

Collection.—On motion of H. B. Johnson, a collection was ordered to make up the deficiency in the Episcopal Fund and to raise the Conference expenses. Both amounts were raised in full.

Memorial.—J. C. Davison presented the following memorial, which was adopted by a rising vote:—

Whereas, this Conference has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Mrs. Cranston, beloved wife of Bishop Earl Cranston, who, during his recent official sojourn of two years among us greatly endeared himself to all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance, therefore, Resolved; that we hereby desire to express our warmest sympathy for our brother in his affliction, earnestly praying that the

same tender hand that guided them both during the years they journeyed together, may continue to lead him onward and upward till he, too, shall enter and share with her the eternal rest in our Father's house on high. A few more years shall roll, a few more seasons come, and we shall be with those that rest in bliss beyond the tomb. U. Sasamori, J. C. Davison, H. B. Johnson, Com.

Expression of Thanks.—J. C. Davison presented the following which was heartily voted.

Resolution.—Since our last session our beloved Bishop, having been called to America to assist in special efforts to further the interests of our general Missionary work, and though he has traveled far and wide by land and sea, yet our Lord has graciously preserved his health and returned him to us full of the Spirit and power of the Gospel, we rejoice to-day at his presence in our midst and pray for the safety of himself and family in their journey to Korea and China whither they are about to go. J. C. Davison, C. Nakayama, S. Matsumoto, K. Kawase.

By rising vote, the Conference expressed its appreciation of the work of the Secretaries and Interpreters, and thanks to the Committee on Arrangements, the Deshima church authorities, for the use of the building, to the Nagasaki Methodists and to Mr. Julian Moore for the pleasant entertainment they gave.

Conference Claimants.—T. Chiga reported for the Board of stewards; the report was adopted. (see Reports.)

Self Support.—This report was read and approved. (see Reports.)

It was voted that after the reading of the minutes and the announcement of appointments, the Conference adjourn sine die. Hymn No. 154 was sung, S. Matsumoto offered prayer.

The Minutes, English and Japanese, were read and approved.

The Bishop gave a short address and the appointments were read, the doxology was sung, and the Bishop pronounced the benediction.

A. E. Rigby,
Secretary.

David H. Moore,
President.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This certifies that on the 19th day of April, 1903, in the Deshima Methodist Church, Nagasaki, Japan, assisted by a number of Elders, I ordained as Elder, Ukichi Kaneko.

David H. Moore,
Presiding Bishop.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who have been Received by transfer, and from what Conferences? *Arthur D. Berry*, from Newark Conference.
2. Who have been Readmitted? *None*.
3. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches? *None*.
4. Who have been Received on Trial?
 - (a) In Studies of First year? *Torasaku Takeda*.
5. Who have been Continued on Trial?
 - (a) In Studies of First Year? *Torasaku Takeda*.
 - (b) In Studies of Second Year? *Suian Watanabe*.
6. Who have been Discontinued? *None*.
7. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?
 - (a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this Year? *None*.
 - (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously? *Toranosuke Chiga*.
8. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?
 - (a) Admitted into Full Membership this Year. *Toranosuke Chiga*.
9. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year? *Kuro Ichichi, Arch Edward Rigby*.
10. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?
 - (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this Year. *Ukichi Kaneko*.
 - (b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously. *Kiso Murai*.
11. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?
 - (a) As Local Preachers, Yi Eun Sung, of the Korean Mission, to be ordained in Korea.
 - (b) Under Missionary Rule? *None*.
12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?
 - (a) As Local Deacons. *None*.

Hakata Church.—Hakata is under my own pastoral care. In September last we secured our present preaching place and moved into it.

For many years Hakata was known as one of the most conservative places in Kiushiu, and a hard field for all denominations. But of late the condition has greatly changed. Now, Christianity is known by many as a good religion, and a large number come to religious meetings. Not only so, but the number of inquirers is gradually increasing. I must mention here Brother Johnson's kind help while I have been absent in district travel. The people enjoyed his earnest, evangelical preaching very much. I must also mention that Bishop Moore's preaching influenced the audience greatly, and after the sermon there were some who pledged to become Christians. During the year there have been five baptisms, and there are now eighteen inquirers.

Kwassui Jo En. (Orphanage) in Koga is under the direct supervision of Miss E. Russell, the children being taught by Misses Ono and Honda. By their wise and kind management and work, the condition—both intellectual and spiritual—is gradually improving. The Koga village Sunday School which is taught by these sisters is improving also, and as a result I go there every Friday to preach, and many come out to the meetings.

SOUTH KIUSHIU DISTRICT.

Henry B. Schwartz, Presiding Elder.

The South Kiushiu District as constituted at the last session of Conference, extends from Hitoyoshi in Kumamoto prefecture to Formosa, more than seven hundred miles. It contains no large cities but it abounds in considerable towns and is a densely populated territory. To work all this vast region we have but four pastors, two local preachers and six exhorters; so that a very large part of it belongs to the "Church of the Future."

I have, however, visited and held meetings in almost all parts of the District except Formosa. The extension of the railroad from Kokubu to Yokogawa renders the northern part of the District more accessible and it is now possible to lay out an eight days circuit leaving Kogoshima by rail and returning by the national road through Sendai, holding meetings at Yokogawa, Oguchi, Izumi, Agune, Nishikata, and Sendai. These are all prosperous towns and all except Sendai are new work, though years ago, before the present Sendai work was opened, we had a circuit centering at Agune. The constant changes going on all over Japan have scattered all the old members. As soon as we have the men and means a man should be placed at Agune from whence he can easily visit Nishikata in one direction and Izumi in the other.

Another year has passed without our being able to do anything in Formosa. I have tried by letters and otherwise to keep in touch with our members there and a very cordial welcome awaits us whenever we can begin work. I hope it will be possible are long by special gift or otherwise to provide the money necessary to open work in this field from which such an urgent appeal comes.

During the autumn the Cholera interfered greatly with our work. For more than a month public meetings were everywhere forbidden, but though the total number of deaths was large, none of our pastors or members were affected by it. The principal disappointment occasioned by it was in connection with the meetings held by the Rev. K. Miyama and Mrs. Miyama. The object of their visit was especially work in Loo Choo, but the restrictions on public meetings were still in force there and their visit had to be given up. But what was Loo Choo's loss proved to be Kagoshima's gain. As Bro. Miyama could only give a month to the district we had planned to pass by Kagoshima for the sake of helping the smaller places but since the Loo Choo trip was impossible we advertised a meeting for Kagoshima and for ten days the church was well filled every evening.

tion with the newly reorganized Sunday-school of which she has been the superintendent. Miss Yamada and Miss Nakanishi have organized four Sunday-schools in the vicinity of Kokubu.

In conclusion, it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the many kindnesses which pastors and people have shown their Presiding Elder and the good fellowship in the Lord which we have at all times enjoyed.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

Herbert B. Johnson, Presiding Elder.

The boundaries of the District were completely changed at the last conference, two new Districts being formed. The western part of the Fukuoka District and the northern part of the Nagasaki District were joined under the new name of *Western District*, and I was placed in charge with residence at Fukuoka as before. The territory includes the cities of Nagasaki and Fukuoka, and all the country lying between with the exception of Saga. Owing to the scarcity of workers, and the fact that Saga is better provided with workers, both native and foreign, than many other places, it was thought best at conference time to discontinue our work there, and our few members were advised to unite with one of the other churches.

Until brother Davison returned from America, in September, the care of his district fell to me. I made two complete rounds of the work and held all his second quarterly conferences but one. It has also been my privilege to preach in Hakata for brother Kosaka whenever he has been absent on District work, and to make occasional visits, on invitation, to other points.

During the year Miss Melton and Mrs. Johnson and children returned to the homeland, and Rev. Arthur D. Berry of the Newark Conference came out to reinforce the work. He received a most cordial welcome, and gives promise of great usefulness.

Fukuoka.—This has been by far the best year that I have known

at Fukuoka, Brother K. Kawase has proven himself to be the right man in the right place. Both at Fukuoka and at Kurume he has worked devotedly and successfully. He greatly added to his usefulness by his marriage, in February, with Miss Nao Noguchi, one of the teachers in the Higher Girls' School. Our special work among young men, to which I have referred in previous reports, has been most encouraging and has borne rich fruit in conversions and baptisms. Brother Berry, who has been singularly successful in this work, has taught two classes per week, besides his Sunday school work, and I have had the same number. One very encouraging feature has been the marked increase in the attendance of men at the regular church services. Miss Leonora Seeds has been freer than formerly for outside work, and the results are very apparent in the Sunday schools and in the work among women. Much of her work has been outside the bounds of this District. The Girls' School has had a prosperous year under the care of Miss Mabel Seeds. While a few students have dropped out on account of the modification of the Course of Study, etc., last conference, the new plan of unifying the school work has worked well—far better than expected. The school buildings and the church have been repaired, and are now very neat. The pastor, the teachers, the Bible women, the missionaries, and the members have labored and prayed earnestly and unitedly, and God has added his blessing. The visible results are the baptism of thirty three adults and eight children, and there are more to follow. The financial gains are equally encouraging. The church has given seventeen *yen* per month for pastor's salary as compared with thirteen *yen* last year, a *yen* more than promised, and promises twenty *yen* next year. It now looks as though Fukuoka is to become our next self supporting church.

Last year Kurume was connected with the Saga circuit. The work in the latter city being discontinued, I annexed Kurume to Fukuoka. Brother Kawase, except when interfered with because of the Cholera scare, has made weekly visits there and labored faithfully. All the missionaries have given him such assistance as they

were able. To the regret of all, our most faithful member there, owing to the death of her husband, is about to move away. Some other fields are more hopeful, but none more needy.

Nagasaki.—The work in Nagasaki also has been very hopeful. The Boys' School—Chinzei Seminary—under the care of E. K. Fulkerson has been over crowded, both in the dormitories and in the recitation rooms, and the new building for which we have so long hoped is an immediate necessity. The grounds have been greatly improved by the erection of a solid brick wall along the east side of the school compound, and several more rooms in the dormitory have been re-fitted. Dr. Sasamori who was absent in America and Europe several months in attendance upon the International Meeting of the Young Mens' Christian Association did himself and our school great credit while there, and succeeded in raising 22,000. *yen* for a Y. M. C. A. building for Nagasaki. He returned in good season for the Day of Prayer of Colleges, and as in the past, aided by the other teachers, rendered splendid service. Daily noon prayer meetings were held for a time in the Chapel which were attended by the day students several of whom were converted. The tone of the school is decidedly Christian, nearly all the boarding students being believers. The Girls' School—Kwassui Jo Gakko—under the leadership of Miss Young has had another prosperous year. The foreign staff was never before so much in need of re-inforcement, especially since Miss Meltons' return. Not only has Miss Russell had full work in the school, but she has had charge of the Koga Orphanage, and has been in general charge of all the educational work of the Woman's Board. Special and very successful meetings were held in connection with the Day of Prayer for Colleges continuing for two weeks. As in the Boy's School, the religious influence is excellent. And here it should be said that both schools are to be congratulated on their excellent corps of teachers, both native and foreign. Each teacher is deserving of special mention by name. Conditions are rapidly changing, particularly in the matter of female education, but Christian schools were never more needed than they are to-day.

The two Nagasaki churches, both self supporting, have had a good year. Deshima, the mother church of our Conference, remains practically a student church, the teachers and students of our schools forming the bulk of the membership. Brother Nakamura, the pastor, while not able to report so many baptisms as last year, has had much to encourage him. The reason for the smaller number is that there were fewer unconverted students in the dormitories to work upon. Each year, the pastor at Deshima has had to work under two discouragements,—the changing membership of a school church, and the bad location for both student and city work. At a time when property for Christian purposes could neither be purchased nor rented outside the former foreign concession, the best was done in getting as near the native city as possible. But it is too far for a student church, and not well located for city work. In view of its becoming more and more a business centre, the property is very valuable. The Board of Managers of the Missionary Society, in response to our request, has given permission to sell the lot, and as soon as arrangements can be made we hope to remove the present building to a better location, to aid the Kojiyamachi Church in securing a new location and church, and if possible to open a third centre in the city which has nearly trebled in size in the last fifteen years. The full members of Deshima Church number about the same as last year, and there has been a gain of thirty-four probationers. The collections are all in excess of last year, that for Missions being double, and the church is aiming to increase the pastors' salary from thirty to forty *yen* per month next year.

The transfer of brother Fujii to the Japan Conference left the work in Omura without a shepherd, and I connected it with the Deshima Quarterly Conference placing brother Nakamura in general charge. He spent considerable time there last summer, and has made occasional visits during the year. Prof. Yoshizaki of Chinzei Seminary kindly consented to assist, and has made regular trips to Omura twice per month during the year where he is having an excellent influence. The Bible woman who was away a good part of the year

because of illness is now back, and the outlook is hopeful. While there have been no baptisms during the year, the work has been given an impetus by the baptism of two or three Omura students of our Chinzei Seminary, and by the session of the District Conference which was held there. The few Christians have promised one *yen* per month toward the pastors' support for next year which is their first step toward self support. The services are held in the home of one of the members without cost to the Mission. Arrangements have been completed for brother Yoshizaki to work in Isahaya also, and these two places with other outlying towns should be formed into a separate circuit.

The Kojiyamachi Church, Nagasaki, has had a very hard year financially, but a very good one spiritually. Owing to several removals, it has been with great effort that they have paid their pastor's salary and kept up the current expenses, but they have done it. For all purposes they have raised nearly five hundred *yen* during the year, and they deserve great credit. With a prospective deficit of nine *yen* per month next year, they heroically decided recently to remain self supporting, and have gone about the task of providing for the shortage and if possible of making an increase. They have increased the collection for Missions several times over, and have kept up all the others. This record speaks volumes for a society only eleven years old. Brother Nakayama has baptised twelve adults and two children this year, and reports an increase of fourteen members and seven probationers. He has opened a preaching place at Akanoura, across the bay, with the help of the Mission, where there is great promise. His work among the students of the Engineering School is especially hopeful, as is also that among the families of the officers and men connected with the Engineering works. He has worked regularly also at the Hashima coal mines and at Takeo. This latter place is about midway between Nagasaki and Fukuoka, and is a splendid place for seed sowing on account of the crowds that gather there attracted by the hot mineral baths. It is also important as being the centre of a large field as yet unworked by our Church or any other. I have met

brother Nakayama there monthly during the year, and have also held meetings assisted by brothers Nakamura, Kawase, Davison and Berry. All the meetings have been well attended, and the deportment of the people has been excellent. I hope to make Takeo the centre of a circuit from this Conference, and trust that the right man may be found to open this important field. Now is the opportune time for work in the towns and villages, where as yet little or nothing has been done, and I hope that in the near future we may have several well equipped circuits between Fukuoka and Nagasaki. At the earliest date possible, we should also have a resident preacher at Sasebo, the Southern Naval Station, a new city of increasing importance.

MISSIONS.

REDISTRIBUTION OF EVANGELISTIC FUND.

Total Mission Grant.		Yen.	Yen.
			5282
Less Rents. Jan.—Mar.		321	
Salaries. Jan.—Mar.	1059		
Less Self Support. Jan.—Mar.	229.50		
		<u>829.50</u>	
			<u>1150.50</u>
Balance of Mission Grant for nine months.			4131.50
Self Support. Apr.—Dec.			1379.25
Special Gift.			<u>89.50</u>
Total Resources for nine months.			5600.25
Rent 9 months. @119.50		1075.50	
Salaries 9 months.		<u>4524.75</u>	
		5600.25	

REDISTRIBUTION—APRIL—DECEMBER.

Appointments.	Presiding Elder Claims.	Salary.	Rent.	Total Expenditure.	Self Support.	Grant in Aid.
Hakata and Koga.	.20	40.00	17.00	57.00	6.50	50.50
Moji and Kokura.	.18	37.00	17.00	54.00	6.00	48.00
Wakamatsu.	.22	31.25	8.00	39.25	7.60	31.65
Fukuoka.	.60	32.00		32.00	20.00	12.00
Kurume and Tashiro.		31.00	6.00	37.00		37.00
Takeo Circuit.						
Omura and Isahaya.	.03		3.00	3.00	1.00	2.00
Nagasaki: Akanoura.			6.00	6.00		6.00
Deshima.	.95	35.00		35.00	35.00	
Kojiyamachi.	.90	30.00		30.00	30.00	
Kumamoto and Uto.	.33	34.00	2.00	36.00	11.00	25.00
Kutami and Waifu.	.09	28.50	8.00	36.50	3.00	33.50
Omura and Seitaka.	.16	*28.50	7.00	35.50	5.50	30.00
Yatsushiro Circuit.	.08	28.50	7.00	35.50.	1.10	34.40
Kagoshima.	.45	40.00	4.00	72.50	15.00	57.50
		†28.50				
Kokubu and Kajiki.	.06	32.00	9.00	41.00	2.00	39.00
Okinawa.	.24	37.00	16.50	53.50	8.00	45.50
Sendai.	.06	28.50	9.00	37.50	1.55	35.95
Total per month.	4.50	521.75	119.50	641.25	153.25	488.00
Total for nine months.	40.50	4524.55	1075.50	5600.25	1379.25	4221.00

* For Eight months.

† For four months.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

Balance on Hand	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	yen 2.04
Collections...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9.60
Probable receipts from N. Y. draft...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	172.00
Loaned to two pastors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40.00
											<u>223.64</u>
Grants recommended											
To Y. Tsuda	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20.00
„ K. Murai	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.00
„ T. Otake, loan to be paid 2 yen monthly...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.00
„ S. Matsumoto, loan to be paid 2 yen monthly...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20.00
„ C. Nakayama, loaned	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20.00
„ S. Kimura's son	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36.00
Bal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	112.64
											<u>223.64</u>
											<u>223.64</u>
T. Chiga. C. Nagano. N. Kaneko.											

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' FUND.

Dr.

To Conference Collections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	yen 8.55
„ Book Concern Draft—\$53, at 50 3/4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	104.43
„ Donation from Bishop Moore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6.00
										<u>118.98</u>

Cr.

By paid T. Otake	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20.00
„ „ Mrs. Kimura	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36.00
„ „ C. Nakayama	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.00
„ „ K. Kosaka	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.00
„ „ C. Nagano	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.00
„ „ For Money Orders, etc	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
„ „ „ Postage, etc	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
„ „ loaned to C. Nakayama	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20.00
„ „ „ S. Matsumoto	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20.00
Balance on hand	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.04
										<u>118.98</u>

Respectfully submitted,
E. R. Fulkerson.
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct
Henry B. Schwartz.
Arthur D. Berry.
T. Chiga.

AUDITING TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

We have carefully examined all the accounts, and find them correct. The benevolences have all been turned over to the proper persons.

Henry B. Schwartz.

A. D. Berry.

T. Chiga.

EDUCATION AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE.

I. EDUCATION.

We have read with pleasure the report of Dr. Fulkerson, the Principal of Chinzei Seminary and present it herewith with our endorsement. We note with great pleasure the change in the teaching force, and the strong and steady religious life of the school.

We emphasize the need of a new building, but wish to express the opinion that before it is erected a more suitable situation for the school be secured, if possible, in the outskirts of the city, the present school grounds being altogether too small to meet the present needs. We recommend, further, that until such time as suitable residences can be built or purchased near the school compound for the head teacher and the Kanji, these officers should be assisted in paying the higher rent necessary in that part of the city, in order that they may live near the school.

CHINZEI GAKKWAI.

Another mile-stone has been successfully passed in the life of our growing institution. Though our buildings and equipment are in every respect inadequate, the past year represents the highest average attendance in the history of the school.

The Teaching Force.

Some changes have taken place among the teachers during the year. At the end of the first term it was thought best to permit Prof. Aso to resign his position as teacher of Science. We were however, fortunate in securing the services of Prof. Yebina of the Kochi Normal School to fill the position. He was educated in the United States, and has had several years experience in the Japanese schools. He is an active Christian man, and a member of our own Church.

Because of family difficulties, the Kanji, Mr. Kato, also presented his resignation at the end of the first term. During the summer we secured Mr. O. So, one of our former graduates, to fill this difficult position. He returns to us after several years experience in the Japanese Government Schools. As a substitute for Mr. Uchida, who goes to the

United States for further study, we have contracted with Mr. Tagawa, who has just graduated from the Koto Course.

Our Chinese-Japanese Department is not satisfactory, but we hope to arrange the matter during the year. All the changes among the teachers have been in the interest of strength and Christian influence. It is clear that our teachers must be strong Christian men if the school is to stand for the highest type of Christian education.

A change was also made in the Dormitory Master, Mr. Ushijima, one of our former students being appointed to the position.

Religious Life.

The religious life of the school has been strong and steady. Thirty of our students were converted and joined the Church on probation during the year; thirteen received baptism, and nineteen were received into full membership.

Improvements.

Many of the student's rooms were repaired during the last summer vacation. The buildings were also painted, and a splendid brick wall was built along one side of the school grounds.

Needs.

Our greatest need is a new building for chapel and recitation purposes. Indeed, we must have it if we are to care properly for the growing needs of the school. Large numbers of students must be turned away during the next school year. The indications are that our new first Koto class will number at least 16, more than double that of any previous year.

I cannot close this report without bearing record to the faithful work of all my associates on the Faculty.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. Fulkerson.

II. CHRISTIAN LITERATURE.

We have examined carefully the report of the Publishing Agent and note with pleasure the change in the Tokyo store, and the increase in the business, particularly in the sale of English books. We wish to emphasize the statement in the report, that the greatest need of the work just now is more new and suitable Japanese books and tracts.

In his report a year ago, the Agent referred to opening a Branch in Nagasaki, but this year there is no reference to it. We suggest the appointment of a committee to confer with the Publishing Committee as to the status of the Nagasaki branch, and to arrange, if possible, for a closer relation between this House and our Conference. In our opinion, we should be able to purchase books as cheaply here as in Tokyo, and to order

Conference Minutes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42.64
English S. S. Literature	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	986.185...
Japanese „ „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,880.764
Tracts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,005.246
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27,814.266
Sales for 1901	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23,932.79
Increase	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,981.476
Grants of Books	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	94.245
Grants of Tracts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	606.97
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	701.215
Stock on Hand January 1st 1903.										
Japanese Books	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,554.058
English Books	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,152.52
Merchandise	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,124.76
Tracts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,148.997
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,319.335
Value of Printing Plant (not including building)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,000.00
Total value of all	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22,319.335

The Printing Department while not clear of debt is now paying a profit on the investment and receives no Mission aid at all.

CONFERENCE VISITORS TO CHINZEI SEMINARY.

We visited the school last January, and investigated its condition in general as well as in particular and we are very glad to be able to report that the school has made a great advance not only in the number of students but also in orderliness and in the perfect harmony between teachers and students, as well as in the spiritual conditions.

Except in one or two cases, all the points to which attention was called by the Committee of last year have been met. However, we would like to ask the attention of the school officials to the question of food.

It is tolerably good, considering the price of the board. But we doubt a little whether the present quality of food is suitable for the health of the students.

As has been repeatedly expressed heretofore by the Principal as well as by many others, there is very urgent need of putting up a new building. And not only this but there is another question of great importance, as we think, viz:—the need of having residences for the Kanji and the Head Teacher near by the school. This is desired especially for the good of the dormitory students in the line of their conduct and religious influence.

Respectfully submitted.

T. Chiga.

T. Nakamura.

ARTICLE VII.—The Officers of this Society shall be a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and three Councillors. The Treasurer of the Conference shall be, ex-officio, Treasurer of this Society.

These officers shall transact all business during the interval of Conference.

ARTICLE VIII.—A general meeting shall be held annually at the same time and place as the South Japan Mission Conference, at which the officers of the society shall be elected and other business transacted.

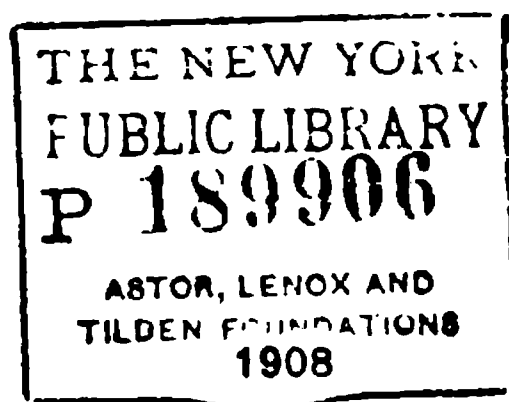
ARTICLE IX.—This Constitution, except Article VI., may be changed at any general meeting by a two thirds vote of the members present, However, no resolution shall be adopted unless a majority of the members is present.

STATISTICS.

MINUTES
OF THE
South Japan Mission Conference
OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SIXTH SESSION
HELD AT
F U K U O K A ,
MARCH 16, 1904.



EDITED
BY THE
ENGLISH SECRETARY.



SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE.

This certifies that this volume is a complete and correct Record of the South Japan Mission Conference for 1904, and that it was adopted by the Conference as its Official Record.

A. E. RIGBY,

Secretary.

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Conference Directory.

Entered Traveling Connection.	Name.	Rank.	Address.	Years in App't.
1899	Berry, Arthur D.	E.	Moji.	2
	Bunker, Dalzell A.	E.	Seoul, Korea	
1901	Chiga, Toranosuke	D.	Kumamoto shi, Sannenzaka, M. E. Church.	4
1873	Davison, John C.	P E.	Kumamoto, 435 Shinyashiki.	3
	Follwell, Edward D.	E.	Seoul, Korea.	
1882	Fulkerson, Epperson R.	E.	Nagasaki, 6 Higashiyama.	9
1898	Ichichi, Kuro	E.	Kokuba.	1
	Johanson, Johan	E.	China	
1883	Johnson, Herbert B.	P.E.	Syracuse N.Y., U.S.A. 363 Westcott St.	
	Jones, Geo. Heber	E.	Utica, N.Y., U.S.A. 275 Dudley, Ave.	
1898	Kaneko, Ukichi	E.	Fukuoka ken, Wakamatsu, 2 Hamano-machi 40.	2
1898	Kawasaki, Noboru	D.	Boston, Mass., U.S.A. Boston University.	
1891	Kawase, Kotaro	E.	Fukuoka shi, 40 Tenjin cho.	3
1879	Kosaka, Keinosuke	P.E.	Kokura.	
	McGill, Wm. B.	E.	Pyng Yang, Korea.	
1889	Murai, Kiso	E.	Okinawa ken, Naha kei keime, M. E. Church.	5
1885	Nagano, Chiujo	E.		
1891	Nakamura, Tokutaro	E.	Kagoshima shi, Yamashita cho, Hiranobaba, M. E. Church.	1
1882	Nakayama, Chiujo	E.	Nagasaki, Ginya-machi, M. E. Church.	5
1886	Otake, Tsunenari	E.	Fukuoka shi, Hakata, Niju ie machi, 11 ban.	

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1899	Rigby, Arch E.	E.	Nagasaki, 12 B. Higashiyama.	
1893	Sasamori, Uichiro	E.	Nagasaki, Chinzei Gakkwan.	12
1887	Schwartz, Henry B.	P.E.	Kagoshima shi, 41, Kasuga cho.	3
1892	Tsuda, Yoshito	E.	Kurume, Ta machi 1, Yoshitake Masukata.	2
1902	Watanabe, Suian	D.	Kumamoto ken, Yamaga machi, M. E. Church.	3
1897	Yoshioka, Seimei	E.	New York, U.S.A.	

NUMBER OF MEMBERS, 26.

PROBATIONERS.

1904	Eguchi, Atsuo	1st Yr.	Kagoshima ken, Sendai, M. E. Church.	1
1904	Harada, Tamezo	1st Yr.	Nagasaki.	1
1904	Triindle, John B.	1st Yr.	West China.	
1900	Wilson, John F	E. 2nd Yr.	Central China.	
1904	Fung Si-Jin	1st Yr.	Central China.	
1904	Ten San-Si	1st Yr.	Central China.	
1904	Tsang Fa-Go	1st Yr.	Central China.	
1904	Yang Teh-Yujn	1st Yr.	Central China.	

SUPPLIES.

Narita, Yasufusa	Kumamoto ken, Yatsushiro machi, M. E. Church.	
Inouye, C.	Fukuoka ken, Seitaka machi, M. E. Church.	2
Obo, T	Okinawa ken, Naha.	1

Committees.

STANDING :

BENEVOLENCES :—

K. Kawase, H. B. Johnson, T. Otake.

SELF-SUPPORT :—

C. Nakayama, K. Murai, J. C. Davison, T. Takeda.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS :—

H. B. Schwartz, C. Nakayama, T. Chiga, K. Kosaka.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS :—

U. Kaneko, K. Ichichi, T. Nakamura.

EDUCATION AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE :—

K. Kawase, A. D. Berry, U. Sasamori.

MISSIONS (REDISTRIBUTION) :—

Presiding Elders.

MEMOIRS :—

H. B. Johnson, C. Nakayama, U. Sasamori.

SPECIAL.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM AND ENTERTAINMENT :—

The Presiding Elder of the Southern District, and
The Pastor at Kagoshima.

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES :—

In English :—A. E. Rigby.

In Japanese :—T. Chiga.

AUDITING THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS :—

J. C. Davison.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISTIC WORK :—

U. Sasamori, J. C. Davison, U. Kaneko.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REDISTRIBUTION :—

U. Sasamori, T. Nakamura, C. Nakayama.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE FUNDS :—

U. Sasamori, A. D. Berry.

VISITORS TO CHINZEI GAKKWAN :—

C. Nakayama, T. Takeda.

REPORT TO CENTRAL MISSION CONFERENCE :—

A. E. Rigby, T. Chiga.

FRATERNAL DELEGATES TO M. E. CHURCH SOUTH :—

K. Kawase, A. D. Berry.

JURIDICAL PERSON :—

C. Nakayama, J. C. Davison, U. Sasamori, H. B. Schwartz, A. E. Rigby, K. Kosaka, J. Suganuma.

CHINZEI GAKKWAN CONSTITUTION :—

Bishop Moore, Chairman ;

U. Sasamori, H. B. Johnson, A. E. Rigby, K. Kawase.

RESOLUTIONS :—

C. Nakayama, H. B. Schwartz, U. Sasamori.

INVESTIGATING CHARGES :—

J. C. Davison, C. Nakayama, T. Chiga, K. Kawase, S. Watanabe,
U. Kaneko, A. E. Rigby, U. Sasamori, Y. Tsuda,

MEMORIAL TO GENERAL CONFERENCE :—

J. C. Davison, C. Nakayama, H. B. Schwartz, U. Sasamori, T. Chiga.

Special Appointments.

CONFERENCE INTERPRETERS :—

U. Sasamori ; T. Takeda, Ass't.

CONFERENCE REPORTER :—

U. Kaneko.

TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON :—

A. D. Berry, K. Murai, Alternate.

TRIEERS OF APPEALS :

K. Kosaka, J. C. Davison, U. Sasamori, E. R. Fulkerson.

PROVISIONAL DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE :

Ministerial—Herbert B. Johnson. Reserve—Henry B. Schwartz.

Lay—J. Motonosuke Suganuma. Reserve—Shohachi Anju.

Conference Boards.

EXAMINERS :—

J. C. Davison, H. B. Schwartz, U. Sasamori, C. Nakayama, E. R. Fulkerson, K. Kawase, A. E. Rigby, T. Nakamura.

BOARD OF STEWARDS :—

K. Kawase, K. Murai, T. Nakamura, C. Nakayama.

Conference Societies.

CHURCH EXTENSION :—

K. Kosaka, Pres. C. Nakayama, Sec. U. Sasamori, Treas.

EDUCATION :—

H. B. Schwartz, Pres. K. Kawase, Vice Pres. U. Sasamori, Sec.
A. D. Berry, Treas.

HOME MISSIONS :—

C. Nakayama, Pres. U. Sasamori, Sec. K. Kosaka, Treas.

PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY :—

U. Sasamori, Pres. T. Nakamura, Sec. A. D. Berry, Treas.
Councillors—T. Chiga, K. Kosaka, K. Kawase.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

Bishop David H. Moore, D.D., L.L.D., President.

A. E. Rigby, T. Chiga, Secretaries.

T. Nakamura, Assistant Secretary.


SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

NUMERICAL.

					1903	1904
Members of Conference :—Missionaries	...	...			6	11
	Japanese	...	...		15	15
Conference Probationers	...	...	...	...	2	8
„ Supplies	...	...	...	...	3	3
Missionaries of the W.F.M.S.	...	...	...	...	9	10
Church Members	...	...	...	...	922	933
Probationers...	...	...	...	...	466	367
Baptisms :—Children	...	...	...	...	17	27
„ Adults...	...	...	...	...	148	184
Sunday Schools	...	...	...	...	33	35
„ School Scholars	...	...	...	...	1953	2544
„ „ Officers and Teachers	...	...	...	...	124	140

FINANCIAL.

Church Building and Improvement	...	...	¥ 186.31	319.61
Old Indebtedness Paid	...	...	86.00	119.00
Pastoral Support	...	...	1697.40	1892.00
Current Expenses	...	...	335.13	350.98
Sunday School Expenses	...	...	96.08	135.64
Benevolent Collections	...	...	304.64	350.93
Other Collections	...	...	320.78	419.22

 Increase : Full Members, 10.
 „ Baptisms, 46.
 „ Sunday School Scholars, 591.
 „ Benevolent Collections, Yen 45.29.
 „ Pastoral Support, Yen 194.60.

JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY.

Wednesday, March 16, 1904.

The South Japan Mission Conference commenced its Sixth Annual Session in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Fukuoka, Japan, on Wednesday, March 16, 1904, at 9 o'clock a.m. Bishop David H. Moore, D.D., LL.D., presiding.

Opening.—Bishop Moore called the Conference to order. The Lord's Supper was administered, the Presiding Elders assisting. The Bishop then asked the Rev. C. Nakayama to lead a special season of prayer for God's guidance and protection to the Japanese nation in this time of war.

Roll Call.—The roll was called by A. E. Rigby, Secretary of the last session, and eighteen members and probationers responded.

Organization.—On motion of H. B. Schwartz, A. E. Rigby was re-elected English Secretary, and on motion of U. Kaneko, T. Chiga was elected Japanese Secretary, naming as assistant T. Nakamura.

On motion of H. B. Schwartz, A. D. Berry was elected Statistical Secretary and Treasurer, naming as assistant K. Kawase.

Standing Committees.—H. B. Schwartz reported nominations for Standing Committees, which were elected as follows:

Benevolences.—K. Kawase, H. B. Johnson, T. Otake.

Self-support.—C. Nakayama, K. Murai, J. C. Davison, T. Takeda.

Conference Relations.—H. B. Schwartz, C. Nakayama, T. Chiga, K. Kosaka.

District Conference Records.—U. Kaneko, K. Ichichi, T. Nakamura.

Education and Christian Literature.—K. Kawase, A. D. Berry, U. Sasamori.

Missions (Redistribution).—Presiding Elders.

Memoirs.—H. B. Johnson, C. Nakayama, U. Sasamori.

Conference Interpreter.—Dr. U. Sasamori was elected Conference Interpreter.

Introduction.—Rev. T. Takeda, who returned from the United States during the year, was introduced.

Transfers.—Bishop Moore announced as having been transferred to the Conference, Rev. Joseph Beech, a Deacon from the New York East Conference.

Rev. Wm. B. McGill, M.D., and Rev. Edward Douglas Follwell, M.D., Elders under the Missionary rule, Probationers in the Fourth Year Studies, from North China Conference; Rev. Dalzell A. Bunker, an Elder from North China Conference; Rev. Geo. Heber Jones, an Elder from the Northern New York Conference.

The Seventh Question.—Who have been admitted into Full Membership?

Wm. B. McGill and Edward Douglas Follwell were admitted into full membership. Both have been ordained Elders under the Missionary rule.

Letters.—Bishop Moore announced the receipt of a letter from Rev. E. R. Fulkerson, stating that it was impossible for him to return in time for Conference, and sending greetings.

Conference Program.—On motion of H. B. Johnson the Program as printed was adopted, the hour of adjournment being fixed at 11 o'clock. On motion of U. Sasamori, the Program Committee of the next session was directed to arrange for a special lecture.

Conference Bar.—On motion of H. B. Johnson the Bar of the Conference was fixed at the first four rows of seats.

The Thirteenth Question.—The Bishop called the roll of the Elders and the following were passed in character; A. D. Berry, J. C. Davison, E. R. Fulkerson, H. B. Johnson, U. Kaneko, K. Kawase, K. Kosaka, K. Murai, T. Nakamura, C. Nakayama, T. Otake, U. Sasamori, H. B. Schwartz, Y. Tsuda, S. Yoshioka.

The case of C. Nagano was referred to a special Committee consisting of K. Kosaka, C. Nakayama, A. D. Berry, H. B. Johnson, U. Sasamori.

Reports.—J. C. Davison, Presiding Elder of the Central District; K. Kosaka, Presiding Elder of the Northern District; H. B. Johnson, Presiding Elder of the Western District; and H. B. Schwartz, Presiding Elder of the Southern District, presented their reports. (See Reports).

Adjournment.—The Doxology was sung and K. Murai pronounced the Benediction.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, March 17, 1904.

Rev. Y. Tauda led the devotional exercises of the Conference at 8.30 a.m.

At 9 a.m. Bishop Moore took the Chair and called the Conference to order.

Minutes.—The English Minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

On motion of H. B. Johnson, the English Minutes were made the Official Record.

The Japanese Minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Introductions.—Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Wilson of Central China Mission were introduced.

Memorial to General Conference.—H. B. Johnson presented the following Resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

Whereas, the South Japan Mission Conference now has the number of members required by the new Constitution for recognition as an Annual Conference.

Whereas our work is very prosperous and hopeful, as is shown by our having gained forty per cent. in membership since our separation from the Japan Conference in 1898, and one hundred and eighty-one per cent. in self-support in the same period, and by the further fact that young men are annually entering our Conference.

And whereas we find a precedent for our course in the history of our church.

Resolved, that we respectfully request the General Conference of 1904 for recognition as an Annual Conference.

And furthermore we petition that such action be taken to go into effect at once and that the regularly elected provisional delegates of this Conference be seated at this session of the General Conference. In hope of such action we hereby certify that both clerical and lay delegates, regular and reserve, have been elected by this Conference and by a lay electoral

Conference according to the forms and in the manner required by the constitution of the church. Such delegates are as follows:—Clerical—H. B. Johnson; Reserve, H. B. Schwartz. Lay—J. M. Sukanuma; Reserve, S. Anju.

The traveling expenses of the delegates are provided for, hence we do not ask the General Conference to assume these expenses.

Signed. H. B. JOHNSON,

H. B. SCHWARTZ.

J. C. Davison moved that the order of the day, to-morrow at 10 a.m., be the election of provisional ministerial delegate and provisional reserve delegate to the General Conference. Carried.

Conference Reporter.—J. C. Davison nominated U. Kaneko who was elected reporter to the *Gokyo*.

Translator.—On motion of U. Sasamori, T. Takeda was elected assistant interpreter and translator.

Conference Board of Stewards.—H. B. Schwartz moved the election of the Board of Stewards. K. Kawase, K. Murai, T. Nakamura, C. Nakayama were elected.

Committees.—On motion of C. Nakayama, an advisory Committee on Evangelistic Work was appointed, U. Sasamori, J. C. Davison, U. Kaneko.

An advisory Committee on Redistribution was appointed, U. Sasamori, T. Nakamura, C. Nakayama.

On motion of J. C. Davison, a Committee was appointed to receive and administer the funds for Central Conference expenses. U. Sasamori, A. D. Berry.

The Third Question.—Rev. Johan Johanson, an Elder in the Scandinavian Church, recommended from the West China Mission for recognition of orders, was received as an Elder and Full Member.

The First Question.—Bishop Moore announced the transfer of Rev. John Frederick Wilson, a probationer in Second Year Studies, from the Malaysia Conference.

Letter and Recommendation.—H. B. Johnson announced the receipt of a letter from S. Yoshioka, and moved that we recommend his being left without appointment to attend school in the United States.

H. B. Schwartz moved as a substitute that Bro. Yoshioka be granted a supernumerary relation. After considerable discussion, the previous question was moved by C. Nakayama. On vote, the substitute was lost, the original motion was put and carried.

The Fifth Question.—On motion of J. C. Davison, J. F. Wilson was continued on trial in studies of the Second Year.

The Seventh Question.—S. Watanabe was reported as having passed the Second Year Studies, was recommended by his Presiding Elder, and having been called before the Conference and answered satisfactorily the Disciplinary Questions, was admitted into Full Membership and elected to Deacon's orders.

The Eighth Question.—Toranosuke Chiga was reported as having passed in the studies of the Third Year, was recommended by his Presiding Elder and advanced to studies of the Fourth Year.

The Tenth Question.—Kuro Ichichi and Arch. Edward Rigby were reported as having completed the Conference Course and, being recommended by their Presiding Elders elected to Elder's orders.

The Eleventh Question.—John F. Wilson, working in the Central China Mission, was elected a Deacon under the Missionary Rule.

The Twelfth Question.—John F. Wilson was elected Elder under the Missionary Rule.

Joseph F. Beech, working in the West China Mission, was elected Elder under the Missionary Rule.

The Fourth Question.—Atsuo Eguchi, recommended by the Western District Conference, was reported as having passed satisfactory examinations, and was admitted on trial.

Tamezo Harada, a Graduate of Aoyama Theological School, recommended by the Western District Conference, was admitted on trial. His Presiding Elder was authorized to examine him in the required studies.

John R. Trindle, recommended by the Central China Mission, Fung Si-Jin, Tsang Fa-Go, Yang Teh-Yüin, and Ten San-Si, recommended by the West China Mission, were admitted on trial.

Extension of Time.—The time for adjournment having come, J. C. Davison moved an extension of time. Carried.

The Fifth Question.—Torasaku Takeda, was reported as having passed satisfactorily in the First Year's Studies, and being recommended by his Presiding Elder, was advanced to the Second Year.

Educational Report.—A. D. Berry presented the report for the Committee on Education and Christian Literature which was adopted. (See Reports).

Visitors to Chinzei Gakkwan: H. B. Schwartz moved that C. Nakayama and T. Takeda be appointed visitors to Chinzei Gakkwan. Carried.

Adjournment.—The Doxology was sung and J. F. Wilson pronounced the Benediction.

THIRD DAY.

Friday, March 18, 1904.

The Morning Devotional Service was led by Rev. H. B. Schwartz, beginning at 8.30.

At 9 o'clock the Bishop called the Conference to order, after which he asked to be excused for a short time to attend the opening session of the Woman's Conference, and called Rev. H. B. Johnson to the Chair.

Minutes.—The Minutes of yesterday's session in English and Japanese were read and approved.

The Bishop again took the Chair.

Christian Literature.—The following resolution was presented by the Committee on Education and Christian Literature:—

Whereas; the conditions under which the new Hymnal was published provide that special editions can be prepared for the use of the various churches co-operating in its publication, therefore, Resolved, that we

request the publication of a special Methodist Episcopal edition containing the order of Public Service, the Ritual for Baptism of infants and adults, the Forms of Reception of members on Probation and in Full Connection, and for the Administration of the Lord's Supper—and also an Index in English and Japanese of the hymns taken from the former Methodist Hymnal.

J. C. Davison moved the reference of this to the Central Mission Conference to be held in Tokyo beginning March 25. Carried.

Special Committee's Report.—The Special Committee appointed to consider the case of C. Nagano reported, recommending that he be given a supernumerary relation. Carried.

It was further recommended that the charges against him be referred to a Special Committee until next Conference. Carried.

J. C. Davison, C. Nakayama, T. Chiga, K. Kawase, S. Watanabe, U. Kaneko, A. E. Rigby, U. Sasamori, Y. Tsuda.

The Thirteenth Question.—The character of Noboru Kawasaki was passed. On motion of H. B. Johnson, it was recommended that he be left without appointment to attend school in the United States.

Fraternal Letters.—Letters were presented from Rev. W. J. Callahan and Rev. N. Yanagihara, fraternal delegates from the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. On motion of H. B. Johnson it was voted that we express our pleasure in receiving these greetings and appoint fraternal delegates to the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Memorial to General Conference.—H. B. Johnson moved the appointment of a Committee to prepare a Memorial to the General Conference, justifying our action in electing provisional delegates. Carried. J. C. Davison, C. Nakayama, H. B. Schwartz, U. Sasamori, T. Chiga.

Provisional Delegate.—The Order of the Day was taken up, and the Conference proceeded to ballot for a provisional delegate to the General Conference. The result of the election was H. B. Johnson, Provisional Delegate, H. B. Schwartz, Reserve Delegate.

Gokyo.—A report was read from the Publishers of our church paper.

After some discussion as to the manner in which the paper is edited, H. B. Schwartz moved that the matter be referred to the Central Mission Conference, and that our members there be urged to present their views. Carried.

Methodist Union.—U. Sasamori reported for the Committee on Methodist Union, presenting a Memorial to the General Conference, which was adopted. (See Memorial).

Recommendations to Central Conference.—H. B. Schwartz moved that the two secretaries of this Conference be a special Committee to see that the matters referred by this Conference to the Central Conference be presented to that body the morning of the first day. Carried.

Change of Program.—H. B. Johnson moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 4 o'clock p.m. to receive the Lay Electoral Conference. Carried.

Adjournment.—After announcements were made, the Doxology was sung and T. Otake pronounced the Benediction.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

Friday, March 18, 1904.

The Conference was called to order at 4 p.m. to receive the Lay Electoral Conference. "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" was sung. Bishop Moore offered prayer, then spoke a few words of welcome to the Lay Electoral Conference. He introduced Mr. J. M. Suganuma, who spoke briefly. Rev. H. B. Johnson responded, and Rev. H. B. Schwartz spoke briefly.

The Provisional Lay Delegate.—(See Reports). Mr. J. M. Suganuma, Reserve, Mr. S. Anjou.

After the singing of the Doxology, Bishop Moore pronounced the Benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

Saturday, March 19, 1904.

Rev. T. Otake led the devotional service at 8.30 a.m.

At 9 o'clock the Bishop called the Conference to order.

Minutes.—The minutes of the previous day, in English and Japanese, were read and approved.

Fraternal Delegates.—K. Kawase and A. D. Berry were elected fraternal delegates to the Conference of the M. E. Church South.

Auditing Committee.—On request of the treasurer a Committee was appointed to audit the treasurer's accounts. J. C. Davison appointed.

Publication of Minutes.—The Secretaries were elected to publish the Minutes.

It was voted that the same number of the Japanese Minutes be printed as last year. The Publisher of last year's Japanese Minutes, U. Kaneko reported.

The Thirtieth Question.—Where shall the next Conference be held? K. Murai nominated Kagoshima, and J. C. Davison nominated Nagasaki. Kagoshima was selected as the place of meeting next year.

Evangelistic Work.—U. Kaneko presented the report for the Advisory Committee on Evangelistic Work, adopted. (See Reports).

Self-Support.—T. Takeda reported for the Committee on Self-Support. Adopted. (See Reports).

Excuse.—On request, Y. Tsuda was excused from attending to-day's session.

Conference Program and Entertainment.—On motion of A. E. Rigby, the Presiding Elder of the District and pastor of the charge where the next Conference is to be held were made Committee on Program and Entertainment.

T. Chiga moved that the Committee be instructed to have the name of the lecturer and the subject printed in the Conference Program. Carried.

Inzei Gakkwan.—C. Nakayama presented a Constitution for Gakkwan.

B. Schwartz moved that it be referred to a Committee of five, to be appointed by the Bishop. *Lost.*

A. B. Schwartz moved that this question be made the order of the day immediately after the Reading of the Minutes Monday morning.

C. Nakayama moved that the Constitution be referred to a Committee consisting of one Japanese brother and one Missionary. If they can agree on the form of a Constitution, it shall be presented early in the session Monday morning, to be voted on without debate.

A. D. Berry moved as an amendment that the Committee consist of two Missionaries and two Japanese brethren, and that, if they cannot agree on a form of Constitution, the question be referred to a Committee to report next year. The amendment was voted on and lost. The maker of the substitute motion, C. Nakayama, with consent of the house, withdrew his substitute.

A. D. Berry moved to amend the original motion by making this question the order of the day immediately after the reading of the Minutes to-night. This amendment was accepted by the mover of the original motion, H. B. Schwartz, and being put to vote was carried.

Extension of Time.—It was voted to extend the time.

Juridical Person.—C. Nakayama presented a report for the Committee on Juridical Person. H. B. Johnson moved:

1.—That we decide to establish a Juridical Person. *Carried.*

2.—That this report be referred to a Committee of seven consisting of Japanese brethren and Missionaries, one to be a layman, to work out the details of a plan, this Committee to have full power to act. *Carried.*

C. Nakayama, J. C. Davison, U. Sasamori, H. B. Schwartz, A. E. Rigby, K. Kosaka, J. M. Sukanuma.

H. B. Johnson moved that we request Prof. T. Toyama of Kumamoto and Mr. J. M. Sukanuma of Nagasaki to speak to the Conference on the question of Juridical Person. *Carried.*

Prof. Toyama and Mr. Sukanuma were introduced and spoke briefly.

Conference Board of Examiners.—The following were pointed, J. C. Davison, H. B. Schwartz, U. Sasamori, C. Nakaya, E. R. Fulkerson, K. Kawase, A. E. Rigby, T. Nakamura.

Time to which to adjourn.—H. B. Schwartz moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 7.30 p.m. Carried.

Board of Stewards' Report.—A. D. Berry moved that the Order of the Day after the Minutes are read this evening, be the report of the Board of Stewards. Carried.

Excuses.—The Presiding Elders asked to be excused from the afternoon session, which was granted.

District Conference Records.—The report of the Committee on District Conference Records was adopted as presented by T. Nakamura. (See Reports).

Adjournment.—After some announcements, the Doxology was sung, and A. E. Rigby pronounced the Benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Saturday, March 19, 1904.

At 2 p.m. the Conference met in joint session with the Woman's Conference. The Bishop ordered a Roll call, and the following responded, T. Chiga, K. Ichichi, K. Murai, T. Otake, A. E. Rigby.

The Bishop called on Miss E. Russell, President of the Woman's Conference, to preside.

After singing and prayer, Miss Russell spoke of the progress of the work, Bishop Moore then addressed the Conferences, urging the importance of the woman's work, and the necessity of building up strong Christian homes.

Adjournment.—On motion of A. E. Rigby the Conference adjourned, after singing the Doxology, the Benediction being pronounced by C. Inouye.

EVENING SESSION.

March 19, 1904.

7.30 in the evening the Bishop took the chair, and after the of hymn No. 275, asked Rev. U. Kaneko to lead in prayer.

Minutes.—The Minutes of the morning and afternoon sessions in English and Japanese were read and approved.

The Fourteenth Question.—Bishop Moore announced the transfer of Joseph Beech, an Elder, to New York East Conference.

The Sixth Question.—T. Takeda was discontinued at his own request, on account of health.

Board of Stewards.—T. Nakamura reported for the Board of Stewards.

H. B. Johnson moved to refer the report back to the Board of Stewards with instructions to take subscriptions for Conference Claimants Fund at the Memorial service Sunday, the report to be revised afterwards and reported to the Conference Monday morning.

Chinzei Gakkwan Constitution.—C. Nakayama presented a resolution proposing a Constitution for Chinzei Gakkwan.

H. B. Schwartz moved that the matter be referred to a Committee consisting of Bishop Moore, U. Sasamori, H. B. Johnson, A. E. Rigby, K. Kawase, with power to act.

Miscellaneous Conference Expenses.—K. Kawase was appointed to take a collection to cover Miscellaneous Conference Expenses.

Resolutions.—H. B. Johnson moved the appointment of a Committee on Resolutions. Carried.

C. Nakayama, H. B. Schwartz, U. Sasamori, appointed.

Auditing Committee.—J. C. Davison reported that the treasurer's accounts had been audited and found correct. (See Reports).

Excuses.—H. B. Schwartz and H. B. Johnson asked to be excused from Monday's session, because of necessary duties elsewhere. Granted.

Adjournment.—H. B. Schwartz moved to adjourn to meet Monday morning at 8 o'clock. Carried.

The Doxology was sung and C. Nakayama pronounced the Benediction.

FIFTH DAY.

Monday, March 21, 1904.

At 8 o'clock a.m. Bishop Moore took the Chair, and a short devotional service was held, led by U. Kaneko.

Minutes.—The Minutes of Saturday evening's session in English and Japanese were read and approved.

Triers of Appeals.—The triers of Appeals were appointed, K. Kosaka, J. C. Davison, U. Sasamori, E. R. Fulkerson, T. Nakamura, Y. Tsuda, T. Otake.

Report of Publishing House.—The report of the Publishing Agent, J. L. Cowen was read. (See Reports).

Memorial to General Conference.—An additional clause to the Memorial requesting recognition as an Annual Conference was presented by J. C. Davison and was adopted. (See Memorial).

Episcopal Supervision.—J. C. Davison and others presented a memorial to the General Conference on Episcopal supervision for Japan.

On motion of A. E. Rigby, the question of Episcopal supervision was referred to the Central Conference for consideration.

Board of Stewards.—C. Nakayama presented the report for the Board of Stewards. Adopted. (See Reports).

Resolutions.—U. Sasamori presented resolutions of respect. (See Resolution). A vote of thanks was extended to the secretaries, presiding elders, pastor and Church at Fukuoka.

Treasurer's Report.—The treasurer's report was ordered to be printed in the Minutes. (See Reports).

The Fifteenth Question.—Who have died during the Year? Sogo Matsumoto.

Disciplinary Questions.—Questions 2, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 23 were asked, and the answer in every case was, none.

Statistical Report.—The Statistical Secretary read the report. (See Statistics).

Benevolences.—T. Otake presented the report of the Committee on Benevolences. (See Reports).

Conference Societies.—The names of the officers elected by the Educational, Church Extension, Home Missions and Preachers' Aid Societies were read and were approved by the Conference.

Adjournment.—A. E. Rigby moved that after the reading of the Minutes and the Appointments, the Conference adjourn *sine die*. Carried.

Hymn No. 277 was sung, Rev. K. Kosaka led in prayer. The Minutes were read and approved, and the appointments read, also the redistribution.

The Doxology was sung and Bishop Moore pronounced the Benediction.

DAVID H. MOORE, President.

A. E. RIGBY, Secretary.

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### CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

I hereby certify that at Fukuoka, March 20, 1904, in pursuance of the action of South Japan Mission Conference, I ordained as *deacon* Suian Watanabe and, under the Missionary Rule, John Frederick Wilson, (Central China Mission), and, as *elder*, Kuro Ichichi, Archibald Edward Rigby, and, under the Missionary Rule, John Frederick Wilson, (Central China Mission).

DAVID H. MOORE,  
Bishop.

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This certifies that in accordance with your election of Yi Ewng Sang to local deacon's order, I ordained him in Seoul, Korea, May 3, 1903.

DAVID H. MOORE,  
Bishop.

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## RESOLUTIONS.

Bishop MOORE.

Whereas our Bishop Moore has finished his quadrennium with our Conference, during which we have made remarkable progress in membership and self-support under his wise administration, and, whereas, we have received inspiration and instruction by his preaching and by his example of untiring devotion to the service of our Master.

Be it resolved that we hereby express our sincere gratitude to him and that we shall follow him as he goes to his home land, with our prayers for rich blessings upon him and his dear family.

H. B. JOHNSON.

Resolved, that in view of the departure of our Brother H. B. Johnson on furlough to the United States, we hereby express our appreciation of his earnest devotion to his duties as a Missionary in our Conference and wish for him and his family all blessing in their reunion, praying that by God's blessing they may all be favored with good health and return to us next year for even greater service in the cause of Christ and our Church in Japan.

SYMPATHY WITH DR. FULKERSON.

Since in the providence of God our co-worker and brother, Dr. E. R. Fulkerson, has been bereft of his beloved wife during the Conference Year.

Resolved, that we hereby tender to him our sincerest sympathy, praying that the Divine consolation may be granted him in this his hour of supreme affliction.

C. NAKAYAMA,

U. SASAMORI,

H. B. SCHWARTZ.

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# DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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1. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences ?
Joseph Beech, a Deacon from New York East Conference ; Wm. B. McGill, Edward D. Follwell, Elders, Probationers in Fourth Year Studies, from North China Conference; Dalzell A. Bunker, an Elder from North China Conference ; George Heber Jones, an Elder from New York East Conference ; John Frederick Wilson, a probationer in Second Year Studies from Malaysia Annual Conference.
2. Who have been Re-admitted ? *None.*
3. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches ?
Johan Johanson, an Elder from Scandinavian Church.
4. Who have been received on Trial ?
 - (a) In Studies of First Year. *Atsuo Eguchi, Tamezo Harada, John R. Trindle, Fung Si-Jin, Tsung Fa-Go, Yang Teh Yui, Ten San-Si.*
 - (b) In Studies of Third Year. *None.*
5. Who have been continued on trial ?
 - (a) In Studies of First Year. *None.*
 - (b) In Studies of Second Year. *John F. Wilson.*
 - (c) In Studies of Third Year. *None.*
 - (d) In Studies of Fourth Year. *None.*
6. Who have been Discontinued ? *Torasaku Takeda.*
7. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership ?
 - (a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year. *Suian Watanabe.*
 - (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously. *Wm. B. McGill, Edward D. Follwell.*
8. What members are in Studies of Third Year ?
 - (a) Admitted into Full Membership this year. *Suian Watanabe.*
 - (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.
9. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year ? *Toranosuke Chiga.*
10. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study ?
 - (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year. *Kuro Ichichi, Arch. Edward Rigby.*
 - (b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.

11. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?
 - (a) As Local Preachers. *None.*
 - (b) Under Missionary Rule. *John F. Wilson.*
 12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?
 - (a) As Local Deacons. *None.*
 - (b) Under Missionary Rule. *John F. Wilson.*
 13. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?
This was done in open Conference as the name of each was called.
The case of Chiujo Nagano was referred to a special Committee for investigation.
 14. Who have been Transferred and to what Conferences? *Joseph Beech, an Elder to New York East Conference.*
 15. Who have Died? *Sogo Matsumoto.*
 16. Who have been Located at their own Request? *None.*
 17. Who have been Located? *None.*
 18. Who have Withdrawn? *None.*
 19. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints? *None.*
 20. Who has been Expelled? *None.*
 21. What other personal Notation should be made? *None.*
 22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? *Chiujo Nagano.*
 23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? *None.*
 24. Who are the Triers of Appeals? *K. Kosaka, J. C. Davison, U. Sasamori, E. R. Fulkerson, T. Nakamura, Y. Tsuda, T. Otake.*
 25. What is the Statistical Report for this year? (See Statistical Tables.)
 26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
¥350.93.
 27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?
 28. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied? *¥107.30 from collections, Book Concern Draft not yet received.*
 29. Where are the Preachers Stationed? (See List of Appointments).
 30. Where shall the Next Conference be held? *Kagoshima.*
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APPOINTMENTS.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

J. C. Davison, Presiding Elder. Residence, Kumamoto.					
Hitoyoshi...	...	...	...	...	To be supplied.
Kumamoto	...	...	...	...	T. Chiga.
Omuta and Seitaka	...	...	...	...	Supplied by C. Inouye.
Uto Circuit	...	...	...	...	To be supplied.
Waifu and Yamaga	...	...	...	...	S. Watanabe.
Yanagawa and Okawa	...	...	...	...	To be supplied.
Yatsushiro	...	...	...	...	Supplied by S. Narita.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

K. Kosaka, Presiding Elder. Residence, Kokura.					
Hakata ...	...	...	...	...	T. Otake.
Koga and Fukuma	...	...	...	...	To be supplied.
Moji and Kokura	...	...	...	...	K. Kosaka.
Nagata ...	...	...	...	...	To be supplied.
Wakamatsu	...	...	...	...	U. Kaneko.
A. D. Berry, Missionary in Charge of Moji and Fukuoka, Residence Moji.					

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

H. B. Schwartz, Presiding Elder. Residence, Kagoshima.					
Agune Circuit	...	...	...	...	To be supplied.
Formosa...	...	...	...	...	To be supplied.
Kagoshima	...	...	...	...	T. Nakamura.
Kajiki ...	...	...	...	...	To be supplied.
Kokubo Circuit	...	...	...	...	K. Ichichi.
Okinawa (Loo Choo Islands) Naha	...	...	...	...	K. Murai.
Shuri Circuit	...	...	...	...	Supplied by T. Oba (Naha Quarterly Conference).
Sendai ...	...	...	...	...	A. Eguchi.
Yokogawa Circuit	...	...	...	...	To be supplied.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

A Presiding Elder to be supplied. Residence, Fukuoka. (Fukuoka. Kurume and Tashiro to be administered in the interim by J. C. Davison, the remainder of the District to be supplied by H. B. Schwartz.)

Fukuoka	...	...	...	...	...	K. Kawase, and one Missionary to be supplied.
Kurume and Tashiro	...	...	...	...	...	Y. Tsuda.
Nagasaki :						
Central Church	...	...	...	...	...	C. Nakayama.
Ebisu-machi Mission	...	...	...	...	...	To be supplied from Wesley Church.
Wesley Church	...	...	...	...	...	To be temporarily sup- plied by T. Harada.
Omura and Isahaya	...	...	...	...	...	To be supplied by U. Sasamori.
Sasebo	...	...	...	...	...	To be supplied.
Shimabara	...	...	...	...	...	To be supplied.
Takeo	...	...	...	...	...	To be supplied.

E. R. Fulkerson, Principal ; U. Sasamori, Vice-Principal ; A. E. Rigby, Professor in Chinzei Gakkwan. All members of Wesley Quarterly Conference. J. V. Martin, Professor in Chinzei Gakkwan. K. Kawasaki and S. Yoshioka left without appointment to attend school. W. B. McGill, E. D. Follwell, D. A. Bunker and G. H. Jones, Missionaries in Korea. J. F. Wilson and J. R. Trindle, Missionaries in Central China. J. Johanson, Fung Si-Jin, Tsang Fa-Go, Yang Teh-Yüin and Ten San-Si, Missionaries in West China.

To preach the Missionary Sermon, A. D. Berry ; Alternate, K. Murai.

APPOINTMENTS OF SOUTH JAPAN WOMAN'S CONFERENCE.

I.—EVANGELISTIC WORK.

NORTH KIUSHU DISTRICT:—

Leonora M. Seeds, Superintendent.

SOUTH KIUSHU DISTRICT:—

Jean M. Gheer.

KAGOSHIMA:—

Jean M. Gheer.

Lida B. Smith.

KUMAMOTO:—

Two ladies to be supplied.

FORMOSA:—

Two ladies to be supplied.

II.—EDUCATIONAL WORK.

Elizabeth Russell, Superintendent.

FUKUOKA EIWA JO GAKKO:—

Mabel K. Seeds, Principal.

Leonora M. Seeds, Assistant Principal.

NAGASAKI KWASSUI JO GAKKO:—

Marianna Young, President.

(The Superintendent will act as Principal until Miss Young's return.)

Lola M. Kidwell.

Hettie Thomas.

Mabel W. Davison.

Mary E. Melton.

KOGA CHILDREN'S HOME:—

Elizabeth Russell.

DIRECTING FACULTY:—

Elizabeth Russell.

Marianna Young.

Mabel K. Seeds.

Lola M. Kidwell.

Leonora M. Seeds.

Lida B. Smith.

Jean M. Gheer.

PUBLIC SERVICES AND ANNIVERSARIES.*Tuesday Evening, March 15th.*

The Missionary Sermon was preached by Rev. T. Chiga, Rev. K. Kawase presiding.

Wednesday Afternoon, March 16th.

From Two o'clock the Conference Societies, Education, Home Missions, and Church Extension, held their business meetings.

Wednesday Evening.

Rev. K. Kosaka presided at the meeting, sermons being preached by K. Ichichi and T. Takeda.

Thursday, March 17th.

A meeting for discussion was held at 2 p.m. K. Murai presiding.

The questions considered were,

1. Episcopal Supervision in Eastern Asia, K. Kawase and A. E. Rigby leading the discussion.
2. Methodist Union, U. Sasamori and A. D. Berry leading.

Thursday Evening.

Y. Narita presided, C. Inouye and T. Otake preached.

Friday Evening, March 18th.

A public lecture and concert had been arranged in the City Public Hall the proceeds to go for the benefit of the families of the soldiers. Bishop Moore gave the lecture on "What an American saw at Chemulpo." The house was packed, and the entertainment was a splendid success.

Saturday Afternoon, March 19th.

A social meeting was held in the hotel at 5 o'clock, taking the form of a farewell meeting to Bishop Moore and Rev. H. B. Johnson.

Sunday, March 20th.

At 9.30 a.m. the Love Feast was held, H. B. Johnson leading the service. At 10.30 Bishop Moore preached the Conference Sermon, from II. Tim. 4:5.

At 2 p.m. the ordination service was held, two being ordained Deacons, three Elders. Following this came the Memorial service for Rev. Sogo Matsumoto and Mrs. E. R. Fulkerson.

Sunday Evening.

Rev. U. Sasamori preached in the Fukuoka Church and Rev. T. Nakamura in Hakata.

CENTRAL KIUSHU DISTRICT.

J. C. DAVISON, P.E., Presiding Elder.

Owing to the early approach of the General Conference our Annual Session for this year has been appointed a full month earlier than would otherwise have been the case, thus shortening our Conference Year to eleven months, with a corresponding effect upon the results of our labor. With a little more time we should have had a number more baptisms to report but these can be counted next year, the important thing being to secure their adherence to the cause of Christ and his Church, whether they be counted this year or next, or not at all.

The fact that I was slightly delayed in Nagasaki last September awaiting the arrival of my family from America, and the subsequent death of Mrs. Fulkerson, which resulted in Mr. Fulkerson's going to the United States with his children and my assuming his duties as Treasurer of the Mission, greatly diminished my opportunities for more extended evangelistic work on the District. But by God's blessing upon the labors of the several pastors and other workers we have had a fairly good year.

Though we should be glad to report many more yet the baptisms during the eleven months have been slightly in excess of those for last year. The probationers are not quite so many but the number of inquirers are more than thirty per cent. higher than a year ago.

I am glad to report a greatly increased interest on the Omuta-Setaka Circuit, through the activity of the new Pastor, Brother Inouye, who has even gone beyond the bounds of prudence at times in late travel during extremely cold weather.

The congregations at Omuta and Setaka are improving and he has spared no pains to revive our former work in Yanagawa where we have spent much time and labor in years gone by.

Brother Inouye will continue to reside at Setaka though it has become necessary to change his location in the town, a change which will give us a better preaching place as well as much greater comfort for himself and family.

The church at Omuta has been repaired in part during the year and this will be completed after Conference is over. The new Bible woman, Miss Omura Masuo, resides at this point and is doing a good work.

On the Kutami-Waifu Circuit, Brother Watanabe is securing a firmer hold upon the people and especially at Yamaga, where a number of encouraging candidates are now regularly attending his preaching and classes for Bible instruction. I have greatly enjoyed my part of the work with him on this extended circuit during the year. The new Bible woman, Miss Takamatsu, resides at Waifu, where she has a large field and on account of the distance from Yamaga the other extreme, the people are asking for an additional Bible woman to reside at the latter place.

The work at Yatsushiro is also gaining ground. Brother Narita has had a trying task, but has gained the confidence of the people, while the work of the Bible woman, Miss Sugimoto, has been productive of great good. The use she has made of the little church organ, which has done duty in various churches, during the past 28 years, has added much to the interest of the Stated Services. Our District Conference was held at Yatsushiro, on March 2nd and 3rd, at which two brethren were granted license to preach, and excellent attendance by the public was given to special meetings, on both nights during the session.

At Kumamoto the Congregations are improving in number, while the baptisms are considerably in advance of last year.

The Pastor, Brother Chiga, has preached regularly at Uto, and also begun work at Hitoyoshi, which we expect to follow up from this time. The church at Kumamoto has been repaired and partially painted at a cost of ¥359.20, of which 50 yen were contributed by the local church. Further repairs to the church and parsonage will follow after Conference is over. With the largest place of worship in the City, we needed an organ in keeping with the demands of the locality, and this has been well supplied by the generous gift of a fine Mason and Hamlin instrument from the Sunday School of the Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church of East Orange, N.J.

Through the liberality of a friend in California the employment of an extra Bible woman, Miss Yamada, has been secured to assist Miss Oshima, who has far more on her hands than she can well do alone.

The benevolent collections will stand about as last year, while in the matter of Pastoral Support two circuits will remain the same, one will advance ¥1,20 per month, and one, on account of the removal of contributing members and the necessity for clearing off an old debt for

church repairs, feels compelled to drop to 9 yen per month in place of 11 yen paid during the past year.

I am sorry to report that Kumamoto will lose the presence and help of Prof. Martin, who has greatly endeared himself to our people here, and who now goes to Chinzei Seminary in Nagasaki for one term, after which he will return to his native land for special study in medicine.

In common with all Japanese, our church members will no doubt be much absorbed over the progress of the war with Russia, but they need especially to gird on the weapons of their religious warfare, lest their spiritual well-being be forgotten in the excitement over material things. This is pre-eminently a time for drawing near to God in prayer and impressing upon others the vital truths concerning the world to come.

Let us all pray that the horrors incident to all wars may be shortened by an early declaration of peace through which God's kingdom may the more speedily come, not only in Japan but throughout the entire world.

March 16th, 1904.

NORTHERN KIUSHU DISTRICT.

K. KOSAKA, Presiding Elder.

Moji and Kokura. The membership of the Moji church is made up mainly of young men and women. The young men come from the large young men business population of Moji. This young church is in good spiritual condition and its future is most hopeful. The Japanese pastor, C. Nagano, went to his home in November for a rest on account of sickness. Since that time Arthur D. Berry has taken his place and is working most faithfully in Moji and Kokura. The result of his work is excellent especially the English Bible Class work among the young men. A lot for a church has been selected and in the near future we hope to see the first church in Moji as our place of worship. The location is the best in the city. There were sixteen baptisms this year.

Wakamatsu: The church is prosperous. The inquirers are many. Edamachi is included in the work of this charge. The pastor and the Bible woman go there regularly. All the members are faithful. There were fifteen baptisms.

Hakata: The old hostile feeling toward Christianity has changed very much. The work is hopeful. Of late the people send their children to Sunday School willingly.

Koga Orphanage: Since the change in local supervision, the Orphanage is going on nicely. The number of children is full. The village sympathy toward the Orphanage has increased. There were three baptisms.

We hope for an increase of two new pastors this year, one for Kokura and one for Nogata. I am thankful to God for his blessing upon the Northern District during the year past.

SOUTH KIUSHU DISTRICT.

HENRY B. SCHWARTZ, Presiding Elder.

It is with an intense feeling of loss that I begin my report of the South Kiushiu District. Our dear brother Matsumoto meets with us no more. We all felt at the last session of conference that this year would probably be the last of his active work, but we were hardly prepared for the end to come so soon.

He and I made one preaching tour together after conference, going to Yokogawa and by *basha* to Oguchi, but his ordinary church work soon proved more than he could do. The first of May he gave me his photograph on the back of which he had written "Though our outward man perish our inward man is renewed day by day." On the last Saturday in May he came to my house early in the morning. He had been to the hospital, he said, and he feared he would not be able to preach the next day; would I fill his pulpit for him? He did not come in to hear the sermon but preparations had been made for the baptism of two young men and at the close of the sermon he came in, called them forward and baptized them. He leaned heavily upon the altar rail and was scarcely able to stand.

It was his last public service. He failed steadily from this time. His diseased ear affected his brain and when the end came his mind had been clouded for some time. He could leave us no last message but he had no need to do so, whose whole life was a message to us. We miss him, we shall not soon see his like again.

During his illness Brother Otake and Ijichi were of great help and when it became apparent that he could preach no more, Brother Murai came from Loo Choo and spent six weeks in Kagoshima. He was a great help to the church and to the family at the time of Brother Matsumoto's death.

The necessity of his return to Loo Choo, left me in charge of the church during September and October. It prevented my doing work I should have otherwise done on the district but every effort I made was so heartily seconded by the members of the church that the church seemed to suffer no loss whatever but on the contrary made a constant gain in membership and attendance.

In November, Brother T. Takeda arrived from America and went to work at once. Previous to his coming the Rev. S. Ogata, Presiding Elder of the Nagoya District, had promised to help us and though on account of illness he could not come as early as he had planned to do, he began work on the 12th of November and spent ten glorious days with us. His sermons were understood by every one, but the subjects were so chosen and presented that they formed a veritable course in theology for those that heard them. He had good audiences from the first night and more than fifty persons gave their names as seekers, a goodly number of whom became finders before the meetings closed.

At the end of November, we were permitted to welcome Miss Smith back to work here, after two years spent in the home land. She and Miss Gheer and the corps of Bible women have been a very great help to our work.

The work in Loo Choo naturally suffered somewhat by Brother Murai's absence during July and August. After his return the severe and long continued illness of his little daughter interfered still further with his work and both he and Mrs. Murai were very much exhausted. The little girl is now apparently restored to her usual health and strength.

The most encouraging feature of the work as I find it in Loo Choo this year is the raising up of workers and the possibility of the extension of our work which hitherto has practically been confined to Naha and Shuri. I hope after conference that we shall be able to open a circuit which will include a number of near by villages and towns.

Our work in Sendai holds its own but does little more. The work among the students of the Middle school is quite satisfactory but they come and go and the church remains very much the same. On the town itself we seem to make but little impression. I think we are still more or less confused in the minds of the common people with the Roman Catholic Church and feared and disliked in consequence. People of the higher and official class are afraid of loss of popularity if they have any connection with us.

On the Kajiki-Kokubu circuit Brother Otake has tried to cover a wide field. The work at Kokubu and in that vicinity has been exceedingly interesting but it has taken Brother Otake away from Kajiki more and more and the work there has languished. The division of this circuit is imperative. A man must be placed at Kokubu where he will have a small compact circuit;—Kokubu, Sukine, Komura and Kiyomizu, all within a *ri* of each other and of his home. At Kajiki, there is an important town and a wide and thickly populated territory.

In connection with Kokubu, mention should be made of the help of the two exhorters Brothers Kamanada and Iwakiri. The former, an old Aoyama student, now a teacher in the Kokubu Grammar School, has not only been of great help in the two Sunday-schools held in that village, but has gone regularly every Friday evening to Komura, two miles and a half distant, to teach a Bible class there.

Our District Conference was held at Kokubu, March 2 and 3. It was a small but very pleasant meeting.

In addition to the reinforcements already mentioned, the great need of this district is suitable church property. We have estimated for new property in Sendai and Loo Choo every year since the organization of this Conference. Sendai is the most important place on the national road between Kagoshima and Yatsushiro. Property is scarce and high. The only way to get what we need is to buy it.

In Loo Choo, we have quite outgrown our present place and as very little property is on the market we should seize the first opportunity to buy a lot.

At Kokubu, property is still cheap. The Christians here have been saving money for a church for a long time. But they are few in number and the money accumulates slowly. A grant of six hundred dollars would build a church and the people would buy the lot.

WESTERN KIUSHU DISTRICT.

HERBERT B. JOHNSON, Presiding Elder.

The members of the conference had hardly reached their homes after our last session when a letter came announcing that Mrs. Johnson was very ill with pneumonia, following an attack of influenza. Other letters followed, and for several weeks I was in great suspense as to the outcome. Later in the year, she was very ill again, but the Lord, in his great mercy, has graciously restored her.

On the twenty-third of October, Mrs. Fulkerson, who had been poorly for some months but who was regarded critically ill for a few days only, passed from the scenes of earth to her home in heaven. A memoir will be read at the memorial services on the Sabbath. Dr. Fulkerson, with heart broken and bleeding returned with his children to the home land, as soon as possible, hoping to be back again by conference time. He has been delayed by family matters, but will surely be here by the opening of the fall term. Being called upon to take up his school work in addition to my own, I at once moved to Nagasaki and shall take pleasure in presenting to the conference, at the proper time, a report of Chinzei Seminary which, I am glad to say, is very prosperous.

Fukuoka.—Rev. Arthur D. Berry, who was moved to Moji last conference, has kindly returned to Fukuoka for Bible classes on Wednesday and Thursday of each week, and Miss Seeds has taught my Sunday evening Bible class which, through her skill and faithfulness, has become large and prosperous. I have made monthly visits from Nagasaki to Fukuoka to give what encouragement and help possible, stopping at other points en route. All the workers have been faithful and earnest and successful. Brother Kawase, the pastor, rejoices in the baptism of thirty-three adults and eight infants. The Sunday School was never before so prosperous. There is a regular attendance of 100 at the Church School and of 587 at the various city Mission schools under the care of Miss Seeds. The work in the Eiwa Jo Gakko, Miss Mabel Seeds, principal, continues prosperous and is a great help to the church. Some improvements have been made in the church during the year which will be manifest to the members of the conference. The annual meeting of the Kiushu Evangelical Alliance and our District Conference were both held here last October and were a great inspiration to the work. At an adjourned meeting of the latter last Monday night two young men were recommended for license to preach.

Kurume.—When Brother Y. Tsuda was moved to Kurume last conference, it was understood that it was largely for health reasons, and that he would probably be able to do very little preaching during the year. This has turned out to be the case. A special cause of discouragement was the removal of Mrs. Ayabe who, by her zeal, had served as a kind of self supporting Bible woman. But the Lord has been better than our fears, and recently when in Kurume it was my privilege to baptise four adults—a mother and son and two other young men. Brother Tsuda has not been able to take up work in Tashiro, and my absence from Fukuoka has prevented my working there myself as planned.

Takeo.—I was greatly disappointed in not securing a preacher for Takeo last conference but it was impossible. Aided by different brethren, I have preached there as opportunity offered during the year. We had an especially good meeting there during the summer vacation. There has always been a good attendance and good attention, and I am strong in my conviction that we should open work here at the earliest moment possible, making it the centre of a circuit. It is the centre of a large unevangelised territory; the forces of evil are active; and, being a watering place, it is a splendid field for seed sowing.

Omura.—Until his removal to Kyoto in January, as noted in my School Report, Professor Yoshizaki supplied the work at Omura regularly, in addition to his duties in Chinzei Seminary, living there with his family during the summer vacation. Professors Sasamori and Ebina and families also spent the summer there which was a great help to the work. Mrs. Ienaga, the Bible woman, though not strong and absent some of the time, has been faithful and efficient. The fruit of the combined effort has been the baptism of five adults and one infant. This is a real victory in view of the conservative spirit of the people. Mrs. Bishop Warren and other friends contributed a small organ which has been greatly appreciated.

Regular services have also been carried on at Isahaya, ten miles distant. The work in these two large towns is only beginning, but if followed up will be rich in results. A special encouragement in both Omura and Isahaya is the fact that several of our Christian Students at Chinzei have their homes there, and as far as possible they assist in the work. There is a fine field here for a large circuit as soon as a member of conference or a resident local preacher is available. Providing no better arrangement can be made, Dr. Sasamori who has been going to Omura once per month since January, has kindly consented to supply the work after conference.

Nagasaki.—This has been a year of reconstruction. Some of the changes are referred to in the School Report and will not be mentioned here. Early in the year, steps were taken to carry out the plans referred to in my last report. It not being thought wise to put the Deshima Church lot on the market at the time, we asked the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society for a loan to be returned when the lot is sold, and with this we were able to begin operations.

Wesley Church.—This name appears now for the first time on our conference records. To accommodate the school congregation that has previously gone from the hill to Deshima; to reach as far as possible the increasing number of Japanese people now living in the vicinity of our schools; and to provide a new Chapel for Chinzei Seminary as well;—we have erected a new church building, costing nearly 5,000 yen, on lot No. 6, Higashiyama, which was dedicated the tenth of January. As described by Bishop Moore, "It is modern and commodious, and yet has Japanese features which make it very neat and attractive." Services are held Sabbath morning and evening, and special preaching services for the people of the community Wednesday evening after prayer meeting.

A commodious Japanese two storied house was rented in Ebisu-machi in September, in a portion of the city so far unworked by any Protestant denomination, into which Brother Nakamura, the pastor, moved and where work has been regularly carried on. The people are responsive, and a flourishing Sunday School of sixty children has been organised. In this connection, I wish to note the great work that Miss Russell and her students, like Miss Seeds already mentioned, are doing through the Sunday Schools. Twelve are carried on in different parts of the city with a total attendance of 618.

During the year, Miss Mabel Davison, who was born at Nagasaki where she united with the church, came out to take charge of the Music Department of Kwassui Jo Gakko. Miss Hettie Thomas of Ohio Wesleyan University has also reinforced the workers there to the great joy of all. Both of these new missionaries received a most cordial welcome. The work in both of our schools has been prosperous during the year and the religious condition excellent. In my school report, I made mention of the Day of Prayer for Colleges. As in the past, Kwassui also reaped a rich harvest in their special meetings at the time and later.

Brother Nakamura is now finishing his fifth year with this mother church of Kiushiu Methodism. He has visited regularly at Fukahori during the year where he has preached as opportunity offered. He reports the baptism of fifty-seven adults and ten infants. The church increased

his salary to thirty-five yen per month during the year, and expects to pay forty after this conference.

Central Church.—Here, too, we are introduced to an old society under a new name. However, it is not so old, as work was begun only twelve years ago. The membership is small but full of faith and courage. Forty-five persons, about half being heads of families, contributed over four hundred yen for pastoral support and current expenses during the year besides about two hundred for church building. Two children and seven adults have been baptised, most of the latter in connection with the new preaching place at Akunoura referred to in my last report. Brother Nakayama, the pastor, has also worked regularly at Hashima.

Early in the year, steps were taken to secure the lot adjoining the Kojiya-machi Church, but we were compelled to abandon the attempt. However, all regard it as providential as, later, we were able to secure a fine lot, centrally located, on Ginya-machi, which has given the name Central Church to this enterprise. The Deshima Church building has been removed to this new location and re-erected in considerably modified form, with corner tower for entrance, gallery in the rear, and arched Japanese ceiling. The seating capacity is greatly increased. We had hoped to dedicate this new temple during Bishop Moore's recent visit to Nagasaki but this proved to be impossible. To the great joy of the church, he has promised to return to Nagasaki after the session of the Japan Conference if possible and dedicate it. A new parsonage is to be erected beside the Church as soon as the latter is completed.

All of these improvements, including a new parsonage on the hill for the pastor of Wesley Church, with the exception of the subscriptions above referred to, have been made from the prospective receipts of our Deshima lot. Both churches are greatly encouraged, and the outlook for the future of Methodism in Nagasaki is bright.

Concluding Words.—By a slight change of District boundaries, this is the fourth time that the conference has met within the bounds of my District, at Fukuoka, at Kumamoto, at Nagasaki, and now again here at Fukuoka where I have spent so many pleasant years. With the approval of Bishop Moore and the Missionary Society, I expect to return to the United States for furlough immediately after the Central Conference, but my thoughts and prayers will be with you here on the field. I hope within about a year to return to Japan where I have spent upwards of sixteen pleasant years. May God be with you till we meet again!

MEMOIR.

MRS. KATE STRONG FULKERSON.

Born at Sabula, Iowa, February 12, 1867, and married at Guide Rock, Nebraska, September 15, 1886, Mrs. Kate Josephine Strong Fulkerson, wife of Dr. E. R. Fulkerson, Principal of Chinzei Seminary of Nagasaki, entered into rest, after a brief illness at the latter place, October 23, 1903.

Soon after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Fulkerson came to Japan as Missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church, arriving at Yokohama March 28, 1887. After a brief stay in Yokohama, they removed to Aoyama, Tokyo, where Mr. Fulkerson was appointed professor in the Anglo-Japanese College. Two years later found them in Nagasaki where he took up work in Chinzei Seminary of which he has been principal since 1894. Her health failing in 1893, the family returned to the home land where she underwent a severe operation in Wesley Hospital at Chicago. During a portion of the conference year, Dr. Fulkerson served as pastor of Madison Avenue Church, Peovia, Illinois, where she enjoyed great popularity as his co-worker. After several years on the mission field, she again returned to America in 1900, accompanied by her four sons, and was followed a few months later by her husband badly broken in health. He returned to Nagasaki in the fall of 1901, and she with three of the children came out the next spring, the eldest, a manly son of fifteen, being left with her mother at Howard, Kansas, for educational advantages.

Sister Fulkerson possessed remarkable social qualities, and wherever she went she was soon and favorably known. She made many fast friends outside the missionary circle which fact was attested by the large gathering at her funeral and by the abundance of the floral offerings. With the exception of the illness referred to, she enjoyed the best of health being famous as a player of tennis. So full of vitality was she and so buoyant in disposition that few realized that she was seriously ill until a few days before she passed away, though the disease had been preying on her for months.

The description of the model wife, recorded in the last Chapter of Proverbs, suits the subject of this sketch exactly. The heart of her husband safely trusted in her. She stretched out her hand to the poor,

yea she reached forth her hand to the needy. For years she served as treasurer of the Ladies' Benevolent Society of Nagasaki, and the accounts which she left are a model to be followed. She looked well to the ways of her household and ate not the bread of idleness. She left as a rich legacy to one of her children a knitted garment almost completed during her summer of rest and pain. Her children rise up and call her blessed.

Though buoyant in nature, Sister Fulkerson also possessed a retiring disposition, and it was rarely that she took part in public religious meetings. The writer, however, remembers a most touching prayer which she offered in prayer meeting a few weeks before she died. For some time she had been in charge of a women's class in the Deshima Church of which she was a member, and a touching feature of the memorial service held on Sunday after the funeral was an address by one of her Japanese sisters that she had taught in the things of the Kingdom. They also sent a most beautiful wreath of flowers as a parting token of their affection for their leader.

Sister Fulkerson quietly and gradually ripened for the change that thus came to her. She was ready. Her death was most beautiful. She passed away on Friday morning and was tenderly laid to rest in the Urakami cemetery, overlooking the beautiful Nagasaki harbor, the afternoon of the following day. The writer's infant son sleeps beside her. In the case of both, loving hands had trimmed the graves with evergreens, thus taking away as far as possible the coldness of the scene. But the thought that really comforts is this: they sleep in Jesus. Robed in light, they are to come forth on the morning of the Resurrection and to be forever with their Lord and ours.

HERBERT B. JOHNSON.

MEMOIR.

SOGO MATSUMOTO.

Sogo Matsumoto was born in the town of Matsushiro in the province of Shinshu, October 16, 1840, and died in Kagoshima, August 3, 1903.

His family was of humble rank but was in prosperous circumstances and young Matsumoto was given an education beyond that customary for men of his position.

He had a restless spirit and was not satisfied to follow the business of his father, so he came to Yokohama where he heard of Christianity from Dr. Maclay. He became interested and was baptized. Later he became a colporteur, an exhorter, a local preacher and in 1880 a member of Conference. His first Appointment was Matsushiro, his native place. After two years here, he was sent to Matsumoto, a large town in the same province. Here he brought order out of chaos, and peace out of dissension which prevailed when he came.

His lifelong interest in young men manifested itself in his work here. Rev. T. Nakamura was led into the ministry by his labors. From Matsumoto he was sent to Hakodate where he spent a full term of fruitful labor. His next appointment was to Morioka, after which he became assistant Presiding Elder of the Hakodate District for one year. He spent one year on the Hirosaki district, after which he became Presiding Elder of the Sendai district. From here he became pastor of second church, Nagoya.

When the Conferences were divided, Bro. Matsumoto was appointed pastor of the church in Kagoshima.

The church was in a very precarious condition. The congregations were small, the membership was divided and to complete the matter, a typhoon destroyed the church.

He was in his sixth year as pastor of the church at the time of his death. A large and united church, easily first among the churches of the city, is the result of his labor.

Bro. Matsumoto was a good preacher and a faithful pastor. Until three years ago he had never missed an appointment since his work began. For two years he was in failing health, but he continued to do his work up to the last of May. On the last Sunday of that month he baptized two young men, which was his last pastoral duty.

Bro. Matsumoto was the product of an age now passed away. He was rich in experiences of the feudal days, but was no conservative lamenting that the old days were better than these. He kept his eyes ever to the future and believed that the best was yet to come. He lies buried in a lot purchased by the Kagoshima church not far from where Saigo Takamori and his brave but mistaken soldiers are buried. As brave as any of them, Sogo Matsumoto was not mistaken. He has fallen, but the cause to which he gave his life is going on conquering and to conquer until all Japan shall be filled with the glory of God.

MISSIONS.

REDISTRIBUTION OF EVANGELISTIC FUND.

Total Mission Grant ..	...	...	...	...	5,682.00
Rent, 8 months—January-March	...	...	...	334.50	
Salaries { 3 months	...	...	1,453.25		
Less Self Support	...	...	474.75		
				978.50	1,313.00
Balance of Grant for 9 months	...	...	...	...	4,369.00
Special Gift	...	...	...	...	89.00
Self Support for 9 months—April-December	...	...	...	...	748.80
					5,206.80
Rents for 9 months	...	...	...	1,084.50	
„ „ Akunoura	...	...	...	6.00	
„ „ Kokura	...	...	...	12.30	1,102.80
Salaries for 9 months	...	...	...	...	4,104.00

REDISTRIBUTION—APRIL-DECEMBER.

Appointment.	Presiding Elder Claims.	Salary.	Rent.	Total Expenditure.	Self Support.	Grant in Aid.
Moji, Kokura and Koga.	.25	42.00	22.00	64.00	8.50	55.50
Wakamatsu	... .22	32.00	8.00	40.00	7.60	32.40
Hakata	... .09	33.00	17.00	50.00	3.00	47.00
Fukuoka	... .45	33.00		33.00	15.00	18.00
Kurume	... .03	32.00	5.00	37.00	1.00	36.00
Omuta and Setaka	... .20	29.00	8.00	37.00	6.50	30.50
Yamaga and Waifu	... .09	29.50	7.00	36.50	3.00	33.50
Kumamoto	... .27	34.00	3.00	37.00	9.00	28.00
Yatsushiro	... .03	29.00	7.00	36.00	1.10	34.90
Sendai	... .06	20.00	8.00	28.00	2.00	26.00
Kagoshima	... .45	35.00		35.00	15.00	20.00
Kokubu and Kajiki	... .06	29.50	9.00	38.50	2.00	36.50
Okinawa—Naha	... .25	37.00	16.50	53.50	8.50	45.00
„ Shuri	...	18.00		18.00		18.00
Omura	... .03	3.00	2.00	5.00		5.00
Nagasaki—Wesley	... 1.20	40.00		40.00		40.00
„ Ebisu-machi.		20.00		20.00		20.00
„ Central Ch.	.90	35.00		35.00	35.00	
„ Akunoura.			8.00	8.00		8.00
Total per month.	4.55	531.00	120.50	651.50	157.20	494.30
Total for 9 „	40.95	4,779.00	1,084.50	5,863.50	1,414.80	4,448.70

CONFERENCE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

The following grants and loans are recommended.

Grants:—

S. Matsumoto's family	...	...	...	...	¥240.00
C. Nagano	...	...	...	...	240.00
K. Kimura	...	...	...	...	36.00
Y. Tsuda	...	...	...	...	10.00
K. Murai	...	...	...	...	10.00

Loans:—

K. Murai	...	...	...	...	15.00
Y. Tsuda	...	...	...	...	15.00
C. Nakayama	...	...	...	...	20.00

Committee:—C. NAKAYAMA, K. KAWASE,
 „ T. NAKAMURA, K. MURAI.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS FUND.

Dr.

To Last Conference Year...	...	...	...	...	¥ 2.04
„ Conference Collections	...	...	...	...	9.70
„ Book Concern Draft	...	...	...	...	171.14
„ Grants returned by T. Otake ¥10 & C. Nagano, ¥20.	...	...	...	...	30.00
„ Interest...	...	...	...	...	2.38½

Cr.

By Paid Y. Tsuda, grant...	...	...	...	...	20.00
„ „ K. Murai, „	...	...	...	...	5.00
„ „ T. Otake, loan	...	...	...	...	10.00
„ „ S. Kimura's child, grant	...	...	...	...	36.00
„ „ Postage and Sundries	...	...	...	...	2.93
„ „ Loaned to C. Nagano	...	...	...	...	40.00
„ „ „ „ K. Murai	...	...	...	...	20.00
„ „ „ „ Y. Tsuda	...	...	...	...	15.00

Balance on hand ... 66.33½

¥ 215.26½

Audited and found correct:

J. C. DAVISON.

March 19th, 1904.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR D. BERRY, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE.

We herewith present the report of the Rev. H. B. Johnson, Acting Principal of Chinzei Seminary, with our endorsement. We call attention with especial approval to the report of the material improvements. The new buildings erected and the re-arrangement of some of the former buildings will add greatly to the general efficiency of the school. We trust that the new Church building on the hill will become a centre of great spiritual life both for the school and for the surrounding part of the city.

We regret the departure of Prof. Yoshizaki from the faculty of the school. We hope that a successor as well qualified if possible may be secured in the near future.

We are very glad that in the enforced absence of the Principal, Mr. Johnson could take up his work as head of the school and we express our appreciation of the successful way he has carried it on in connection with the burden of his other work.

KOTARO KAWASE.

U. SASAMORI.

ARTHUR D. BERRY.

RELIGIOUS WORK AND INFLUENCE.

The religious influence in the school has been excellent. Quite a number began the Christian life in connection with the Day of Prayer for Colleges. Almost without exception, all of the students in the upper grades are Christians, which is true also of the students in the Dormitories. Two things have given special encouragement,—the increasing number of students representing Christian families, and the larger number of day students who become Christians. It is more and more apparent that the influence of our Christian schools is having much to do with breaking down the prejudices of the people of Kiushiu and especially of conservative Nagasaki. Never before were our graduates and former students so much in demand as teachers in government schools.

REPORT OF PUBLISHING HOUSE.

J. L. COWEN, Agent.

Although business in the book line has been generally very dull in Japan during 1903 the Kyo Bunkwan has enjoyed the most prosperous year in its history. The increase in our sales amounting to nearly 10,000 yen over 1902. It is especially pleasing to note that the increase in Japanese books amounts to more than 100 per cent. New and more convenient quarters and gradually increasing capital, which enables us to carry more stock are two of the largest factors of our increase in sales as we are enabled to better show what we have. But our present very nice quarters are not sufficient for our needs and the building must be increased in size in the near future. It is too soon to predict the future of the Ginza Kai Kwan, but Brother Ukai who is now in the United States soliciting funds is meeting with a fair degree of success and our hopes may yet be realized.

When we consider the short time the Publishing house has been established and the small beginnings added to the fact that we have had no donated or subscribed capital the following figures are surely such as to please the most exacting.

SALES FOR THE YEAR.

English Books	...	...	...	...	...	¥18,344.17
Japanese Books	...	...	...	...	...	5,971.43
Merchandise	...	...	...	...	...	7,476.72
Periodicals	...	...	...	...	...	1,812.87
Conference Minutes	...	...	...	...	...	37.52
English S.S. Literature	1,073.69
Japanese Literature	2,095.10
Tracts	926.76
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Total Sales	37,738.29
Sales 1902	27,814.26
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Increase	9,924.02
Grants of Tracts and Books	543.04

STOCK ON HAND.

Japanese Books	¥ 8,759.35
English Books	5,599.74
Tracts	1,538.23
Merchandise	1,542.71
Commission Books	4,129.49
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Total	21,569.54
Total for 1903	12,319.33
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Increase	9,250.21

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

The Committee examined the records of the Western, Northern, Central and Southern District Conferences, and found them correctly and neatly kept.

U. KANEKO,
K. ICHICHI,
T. NAKAMURA.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

1. In consideration of C. Nagano's continued illness, the Committee recommends that he be given a supernumerary relation and his support be referred to the Conference Stewards.

2. In consideration of the charges brought against C. Nagano the Committee recommends that a special Committee be appointed to investigate the case and report the same to the next Conference.

H. B. JOHNSON, A. D. BERRY, U. SASAMORI,
C. NAKAYAMA, K. KOSAKA.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISTIC WORK.

After examining the Evangelistic work of the Conference, the Committee recommends :

- (1.) That Kajiki and Kokubu be made, with the neighboring villages, two separate circuits.
- (2.) That Shuri, in Loo Choo, be separated from Naha Church and be made a circuit.
- (3.) That the preaching places at Fukahori, Akunoura, and Hashima be made a circuit under the charge of the assistant pastor of Central Church, Nagasaki.
- (4.) That Naokata and its neighboring villages be made a circuit.
- (5.) That Takeo be made the centre of a circuit, with its neighboring villages.
- (6.) That Kokura be made the centre of the Northern District instead of Hakata.

EDUCATION AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE.

Whereas, the conditions under which the new Hymnal was published provide that special editions can be prepared for the use of the various churches co-operating in its publication. Therefore, Resolved that we request the publication of a special Methodist Episcopal edition containing the order of public service, the ritual for baptism of infants and adults, the form of reception of members on probation and in full connection, and for the administration of the Lord's Supper—and also an index in English and Japanese of the Hymns taken from the former Methodist Hymnal.

SELF SUPPORT.

For 1901—Self Support	...	...	...	¥1,119.42
„ 1902—	„	...	...	1,411.62
„ 1903—	„	...	...	1,686.42
„ 1904—	„	...	...	1,858.80
Promised for 1905—	„	...	...	1,725.80

The decrease on amount promised, as compared with last year is ¥133.00. Because of the Russo-Japanese war many of the church members were called into the field, which fact affects the amount of self support as shown above.

Self support however is the very life of the church, and hence the Committee earnestly hope that all the pastors will try to inspire their own churches with the meaning and spirit of self support and independence.

C. NAKAYAMA,
J. C. DAVISON,
K. MURAI,
T. TAKEDA.

BENEVOLENCES.

Compared with reports of the previous year, we find that there has been a considerable gain in every item of benevolences except the missions. We hope that all the churches will make a special effort during the coming year to increase these collections and that of the conference claimants.

H. B. JOHNSON.
T. OTAKE.
K. KAWASE.

CHINZEI GAKKWAN.

HERBERT B. JOHNSON, Acting Principal.

The return of Dr. Fulkerson to the United States in October, consequent on the death of his wife, called me to Nagasaki and threw upon me, as upon others, an additional burden. The work has gone on smoothly and pleasantly, and there are many signs of real success.

Attendance.—The attendance has been good. In fact, the problem at the beginning of the year was to limit the number admitted without doing injustice to the great many first class applicants that it was necessary to reject on account of the lack of room. A very interesting feature has been that all the classes have been full with the exception of the upper Koto (College) class which has been composed of four men. The lowest class was so large that it has been necessary for it to meet in two sections throughout the year. With the beginning of next term, which marks the opening of the school year, all of the grades—five in the Academy and two in the College, will be full.

Material Improvements.—During the year, the following changes have been made which assure both a larger number of students and better work,—the removal of a missionary residence from lot No. 6A, thus enlarging the exercise ground; the erection of a new church to be used also for school chapel, thus freeing the old one for other purposes; the reconstruction of the former chapel by erecting movable partitions, so that it can be used for class rooms and also, when needed, for literary and social meetings; the refitting of several class and dormitory rooms; and the remodeling and setting apart of a room for the teachers and two others for the Science Department. The science work has also been strengthened by sundry repairs to apparatus and the purchase of considerable new.

Through the generosity of Mr. Alexander Ogg of Ohio, U.S.A., one of Bishop Moore's friends, we have been able to erect during the year a small, though comfortable, Japanese house on the school compound for Dr. Sasamori. Our Kanji and Dormitory Master, Mr. So, in harmony with the action of the conference, has rented a house across the street, so that we now have both of these teachers and school officers on the hill in close contact with the students.

The Missionary Society has been able to provide part of the money for our new school building, and we are hopeful that Dr. Fulkerson, while in the United States, may be able to secure the balance needed.

Teaching Force.—In October the school celebrated the tenth anniversary of the coming of Dr. Sasamori. During all these years, he has been a tower of strength. May the day be far distant, when for any reason, the school may be called upon to part with him! By the resignation of Prof. Yoshizaki, in January, the school suffered a great loss, though we rejoice with him in his wide field as Y.M.C.A. Secretary at Kyoto. As yet we have not been able to secure a suitable man as his successor. We have employed Mr. Mishima, a former teacher in the Normal School, as a special teacher and, by some transfers of work among our regular professors, we have been able to carry on the work without serious embarrassment. However, several of the teachers have been overworked. We greatly need a strong Christian teacher, educated abroad, to fill this vacant professorship.

Mr. Rigby, as in the past, has shown himself specially qualified for school work. In addition to his regular duties, he has served most efficiently as school treasurer. We all regret exceedingly that Dr. Fulkerson has been delayed in returning, on account of family matters, but we are specially fortunate in having in the Mission one who is so able to take up his teaching work. I refer to Prof. Martin, for the past two years professor of English in the Kumamoto Commercial School, who will return to Chinzei for work during the spring term.

Our Graduates.—Next Monday we are to graduate four men from the College, all self supporting, one of whom will enter the Ministry. A fine class of fourteen will also graduate from the Academy most of whom will enter the College. In addition four young men complete the special course.

METHODIST UNION.

U. Sasamori reported for the Committee on Methodist Union, presenting the following Memorial to the General Conference, which was adopted.

“To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of
Nineteen Hundred and Four.

Dear Fathers and Brethren,

Whereas: The Japan Conference is presenting a Memorial on the Organic Union of Methodism in Japan, together with a Basis of Union adopted by all the various Methodist Conferences in Japan except the South Japan Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

We respectfully make known to you our views on this important question.

1. We firmly believe in the desirability of Methodist Union in Japan, and heartily endorse most of the reasons given in the Memorial of the Japan Annual Conference.

2. With our mother Conference, we desire and respectfully request the appointment of a Commission to co-operate with Commissions already appointed or to be appointed by other Methodist bodies to which shall be referred the whole matter with power.

3. We cannot endorse the proposed Basis of Union for the following reasons.

a.—It weakens the Episcopacy, by shortening the term, by providing for a veto in making the appointments, and by limiting the Gen'l Supt. in the appointment of Presiding Elders. The nature of the Japanese Gov't., and the marked success of the Episcopal bodies in this country argue for a strong Episcopacy.

b.—It opens a wide gulf between the Union Church and the Mission bodies working in Japan by setting up a separate native work outside of the Japanese Church and by giving the Missionaries a nominal relation only to the new church. In our opinion, the great work of the Missionaries is not to preach to the unevangelized but to educate and encourage the churches and their future leaders. In the interests of harmony and real success the official equality which has existed between our native and foreign ministers should not be interrupted by the proposed change.

c.—We doubt the wisdom of introducing laymen into the Annual Conferences to the extent proposed because the body will necessarily be changeable, the expense will be great, and the experiment will be far reaching. For the present we deem it best to confine lay membership, except in an advisory way, to the General Conference.

d.—The proposed Basis does not make provision for co-operation in Educational Work, each Mission carrying on its own work separately, while in our opinion the strongest reasons for Union grow out of the duplication of Mission Schools. Even before organic Union is in sight, something practicable in the line of such co-operation should be possible.

4. As we believe strongly in the Episcopacy, we are of the opinion that if all of the Methodisms in Japan cannot be brought to accept this polity, it would be better to secure Union with a less number of bodies than to sacrifice what we regard as important in the upbuilding of a strong Church in this country.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

AUDITING TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

Your Committee respectfully reports that the accounts of the Conference Treasurer have been audited and found correct.

J. C. DAVISON,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

Friday, March 18, 1904.

To the South Japan Mission Conference. The Lay Electoral Conference has elected the following persons as Provisional Delegates to the General Conference to be held in May, 1904 :—

Regular—GENNOSUKE SUGANUMA.
Reserve—SHOHACHI ANJU.
(Signed) YOSUhide NARITA,
Secretary.

STATISTICS.

SOUTH JAPAN MISSION CONFERENCE FOR 1904.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS														
	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society.	Woman's For- eign Missionary Society.	Home Mission- ary Society.	Total other Benevolent Collections.	General Con- ference Ex- penses.	Conference Claimants	Episcopal Fund.
	Church. (a)	Sunday School. (b)	Total.				Public Educational Collection.	Children's Fund.							
Northern District. 1 Hakata and Koga 2 Wabamatsu 3 Moji and Kokura	2.50		2.50	1.20		.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	1.20	3.17		2.70	.88
	2.00		2.00	2.40	.30	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	2.40	29.47		3.20	
	3.00		3.00	2.30	.50	.50	4.80	.50	1.20	.50	1.20	16.00		5.30	.50
	7.50		7.50	59.0	.80	.90	5.20	.65	4.80	.65	4.80	48.64		11.80	1.38
Western District. 4 Fukuoka 5 Kurume 6 Nagasaki, Wesley 7 " Central 8 Omura	16.00		16.00	6.00	.50	1.00	2.00	7.71	2.50	7.71	5.20	12.65		14.00	2.00
	.20		.20	1.20		.10	.10	.10	.10	.10	1.20	3.00		3.00	.10
	23.00		23.00	7.30	.75	1.30	10.00	35.00	1.30	35.00	9.50	40.00		21.00	3.50
	8.00		8.00	2.20	.50	.50	3.60		.50		2.40	2.45		14.00	.50
Central District. 9 Omura and Setaka 10 Kutami and Waifu 11 Kumamoto 12 Yatsushiro	1.00		1.00	.10			.50				.10			3.00	.30
	48.20		48.20	17.00	1.75	2.90	16.20	42.81	4.40	42.81	18.40	58.11		55.00	6.40
	2.20		2.20	1.20		.20	.25		.20			1.92		.25	.50
	3.40		3.40	1.20		.15	.60		.09		1.20			3.25	.41
Southern District. 13 Kagoshima 14 Kokubu and Kajiki 15 Sendai 16 Okinawa	7.50		7.50	1.50		.50	2.50		1.00		1.50	82.00		7.10	1.20
	.10		.10	1.20		.05	.46				1.20			.10	.20
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	4.00		4.00	1.00		.30	7.00	.50	.30	.50	1.00	113.23		19.60	.60
1904 1903 Gain Loss	1.00		1.00	1.20		.50	.72		.30		1.20			3.20	
	.70		.70	1.70		.10	.10				1.70	5.32		3.00	.10
	5.00		5.00	1.20		.30	1.50	.30	.30	.30	4.80	110.00		4.00	.20
	10.70		10.70	5.10		1.20	9.32	.80	.60	.80	8.70	228.55		29.80	.90
1904 1903	79.60		79.60	33.10	2.55	5.90	34.53	44.26	7.89	44.26	35.80	419.22		107.30	10.99
	96.60	1.70	98.30	34.06	2.10	5.40	24.85	94.33	7.80	94.33	37.80	320.78		9.70	10.88
Gain Loss	17.00	1.70	18.70	.96	.45	.50	9.68	50.07	.09		2.00	98.44		97.60	.11



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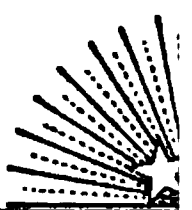
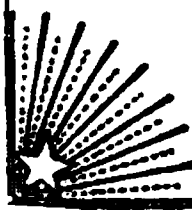


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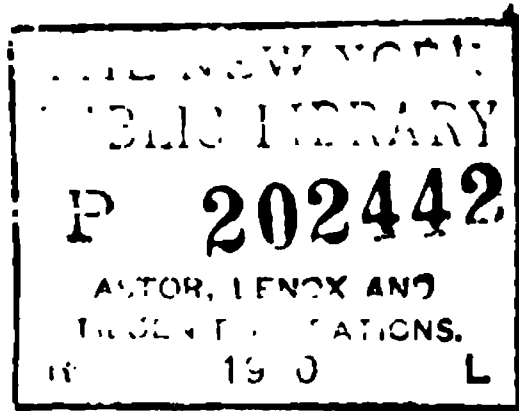


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BY THE
ENGLISH SECRETARY.



SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE.

This certifies that this volume is a complete and correct Record of the SOUTH JAPAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE for 1905, and that it was adopted by the Conference as its Official Record.

A. E. RIGBY,

Secretary.

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	Bunker, Dalzell A.	E.	Seoul, Korea.	
1901	Chiga, Toranosuke	E.	Kumamoto shi, Sannenzaka, M. E. Church.	5
1873	Davison, John C.	P E.	Kumamoto, 435 Shinyashiki	4
	Follwell, Edward D.	D.	Pyeng Yang, Korea.	
	Fretz, Edwin H.	E	Fukuoka, 77 Tenjin cho.	1
1882	Fulkerson, Epperson R.	E.	Nagasaki, 6 Higashi-yamate	10
1898	Ichichi, Kuro.	E.	Kokubu, M. E. Church.	2
	Johanson, Johan.	E.	West China.	2
1883	Johnson, Herbert B.	E.	San Francisco, Cal., U.S.A., 1329 Pine St.	1
	Jones, Geo. Heber	E.	New York, N.Y., U.S.A.	1
1898	Kawasaki, Noboru.	D.	Boston, Mass., U.S A. Boston University.	
1891	Kawase, Kotaro.	E.	Fukuoka shi 40 Tenjin cho.	4
1896	Kawasima, Suenoshin.	D.	Nagasaki, 12 D. Higashi-yamate.	1
1879	Kosaka, Keinosuke	P.E.	Moji, Kusinoki cho, M. E. Church.	
	McGill, Wm. B.	E.	Pyeng Yang, Korea.	
1889	Murai, Kiso.	E.	Okinawa ken, Naha kei 6 keime M.E. Church.	6
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1905	Oho, Tomiya	1st Yr.	Okinawa ken, . Naha, Kusuochi 2403, Naha.
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON R · DISTRIBUTION :—

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T. Chiga, C. Nakayama.

REPRESENTATION TO GOKYO :—

U. Sasamori, S. Kawasima, C. Nakayama.

JURIDICAL PERSON :—

C. Nakayama, J. C. Davison, U. Sasamori, H. B. Schwartz,
A. E. Rigby, K. Kosaka, J. Suganuma.

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C. Nakayama.

STATE OF THE COUNTRY :—

C. Nakayama, U. Sasamori.

Special Appointments.

REPORTER TO GOKYO :—

T. Harada.

TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON :—

K. Murai, S. Kawasima, Alternate.

TRIERS OF APPEALS :—

K. Kosaka, J. C. Davison, U. Sasamori, E. R. Fulkerson, T. Nakamura, Y. Tsuda, T. Otake.

Conference Boards.

EXAMINERS :—

J. C. Davison, H. B. Schwartz, U. Sasamori, C. Nakayama, E. R. Fulkerson, K. Kawase, A. E. Rigby, T. Nakamura, T. Chiga.

BOARD OF STEWARDS :—

J. C. Davison, K. Ichichi, K. Kawase, U. Sasamori, K. Kosaka.

Conference Societies.

CHURCH EXTENSION :—

K. Kosaka, Pres., C. Nakayama, Sec., U. Sasamori, Treas.

EDUCATION :

H. B. Schwartz, Pres., K. Kawase, Vice-Pres., U. Sasamori, Sec.,
A. D. Berry, Treas.

HOME MISSIONS :—

C. Nakayama, Pres., S. Kawasima, Sec., K. Kosaka, Treas.

PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY :—

U. Sasamori, Pres., T. Nakamura, Sec., A. D. Berry, Treas.
Councillors—T. Chiga, K. Kosaka, K. Kawase.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

Bishop M. C. Harris, D.D., LL.D., President.

A. E. Rigby, T. Chiga, Secretaries.

A. D. Berry, Statistical Secretary and Treasurer.

K. Kawase, Assistant Statistical Secretary.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

NUMERICAL.

					1904	1905
Members of Conference :—Missionaries	...	...			11	14
	Japanese	...	...		15	14
Conference Probationers	...	...	...	...	8	8
„ Supplies	...	...	...	...	3	2
Missionaries of the W.F.M.S.	...	...	...	...	10	11
Church Members	...	...	...	...	933	1,010
Probationers	...	...	...	...	367	249
Baptisms :—Adults...	...	...	...	...	184	165
	Children	...	...	...	27	15
Sunday Schools	...	...	...	...	35	41
„ School Scholars	...	...	...	...	2,544	3,077
„ „ Officers and Teachers	...	...	...	...	140	155

FINANCIAL.

Church Building and Improvement	...	...	Y	319.61	358.93
Old Indebtedness Paid	...	...	...	119.00	546.00
Pastoral Support	...	...	...	1,892.00	1,795.40
Current Expenses	...	...	...	350.98	417.65
Sunday School Expenses	...	...	...	135.64	138.14
Benevolent Collections	...	...	...	241.08	233.55
Other Collections	...	...	...	419.22	430.80



Increase : Full Members, 77.

Sunday School Scholars, 533.

JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY.

Thursday, March 30th, 1905.

The South Japan Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened for its Seventh Annual Session in the Methodist Church in Kagoshima, Thursday morning, March 30, at 9 o'clock. Bishop M. C. Harris, D.D., LL.D., was the presiding Bishop.

Opening.—Bishop Harris called the Conference to order and announced Hymn No. 145. After the singing of the hymn, he asked Rev. C. Nakayama to read the Old Testament lesson, Isa. 55. The Bishop read the thirteenth chapter of John, and called on Dr. Davison and Dr. Sasamori to lead in prayer. He then administered the Lord's Supper, assisted by the Presiding Elders. The Bishop addressed the Conference briefly.

Roll Call.—A. E. Rigby, Secretary of the last conference, called the roll, and sixteen members and probationers responded.

Organization.—The Conference completed its organization by electing the following officers; English Secretary, A. E. Rigby; Japanese Secretary, T. Chiga; Statistical Secretary and Treasurer, A. D. Berry; Assistant, K. Kawase.

Annual Conference.—H. B. Schwartz presented the following:—

Whereas: The last session of the General Conference passed an act, enabling this Conference, with the consent of the presiding Bishop, by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, to organize itself into an Annual Conference, therefore,

Resolved, that this Conference be, and hereby is, constituted an Annual Conference to be known as the South Japan Annual Conference.

(Signed) K. KOSAKA.
H. B. SCHWARTZ.
J. C. DAVISON.

This resolution was adopted unanimously, by a rising vote.

Conference Bar.—The Conference bar was fixed to include the first four rows of seats.

Committees.—H. B. Schwartz reported the nominations for Standing Committees which were confirmed as follows :—

Benevolences.—T. Chiga, E. H. Fretz, K. Murai.

Self-Support.—S. Kawasima, T. Nakamura, K. Kawase, E. R. Fulkerson.

Conference Relations.—H. B. Schwartz, C. Nakayama, K. Kosaka, J. C. Davison.

District Conference Records.—K. Ichichi, A. Eguchi, Y. Tsuda.

Education and Christian Literature.—U. Sasamori, A. E. Rigby, T. Harada.

Missions (Redistribution).—The Presiding Elders.

Memoirs.—K. Kosaka, A. D. Berry.

Board of Stewards.—J. C. Davison, K. Ichichi, K. Kawase, U. Sasamori, K. Kosaka.

Reports and Resolutions.—On the motion of A. E. Rigby, it was ordered that all reports and resolutions be presented in writing, in both English and Japanese, before being read to the Conference.

Transfers.—The Bishop announced the following transfers into the Conference :—

Rev. Edwin H. Fretz, an Elder from the Southern California Conference ;

Rev. Suenoshin Kawasima, a Probationer in the second year studies from the California Conference. He called these brethren forward and introduced them to the Conference.

Advisory Committee.—K. Murai moved the appointment of an Advisory Committee on Redistribution (Missions), to consist of one member from each District. Carried.

Translation Committee.—On the motion of K. Kosaka, E. H. Fretz and S. Kawasima were constituted a committee to translate reports and resolutions.

Program.—On motion of C. Nakayama, the program as printed was adopted, and the time of adjournment was fixed at 11.45 o'clock.

Visitors.—Bishop Harris introduced to the Conference the Missionary Ladies, Bible Women and Pastors' wives present; Misses Elizabeth Russell, Mabel Seeds, Hettie A. Thomas, Mary E. Melton, Iida B. Smith, Mrs. E. H. Fretz, Mrs. H. B. Schwartz, Mrs. Tsuchihashi, Mrs. Kubo, Miss Nakanishi, Mrs. T. Nakamura, Mrs. Nakamura, Sr., Mrs. Matsumoto, Mrs. Tokonami.

Reports.—J. C. Davison presented his report as Presiding Elder of the Central District.

It was voted that the Pastors, as their names are called, shall report the number of baptisms for the year.

K. Kawase and T. Chiga were called, their characters passed, and each reported the number of baptisms.

H. B. Schwartz, Presiding Elder of the Southern District, read his report.

K. Murai, T. Nakamura and K. Ichichi were called, characters passed, and reported baptisms.

Memorial Service.—At 11 o'clock, according to the program, the memorial service for C. Nagano was held. Hymn No. 357, "The Sweet By and By," was sung. Memoirs of Brother Nagano were read in Japanese by K. Kosaka, and in English by A. D. Berry. (See Memoirs).

A. D. Berry moved that a letter be sent to Mrs. Nagano expressing the sympathy of the Conference and telling her of this memorial service. Bishop Harris then spoke of Bro. Nagano, and called on C. Nakayama to offer prayer, after which hymn No. 345 was sung.

The time was extended.

T. Nakamura, in a brief address, presented, in behalf of the Kagoshima Church, a Tablet to the memory of Asuga Kenchiro, first pastor of Kagoshima Church, and Matsumoto Sogo, who served this church in his last pastorate.

J. C. Davison and H. B. Schwartz paid tributes to these two brethren, A season of prayer was asked for, and K. Kosaka offered an earnest prayer that God would raise up workers to fill the vacant places of these faithful workers.

Fraternal Greeting.—A telegram was read from K. Kihara, Missionary to the Japanese in Korea, who expects to be here Saturday.

Adjournment.—H. B. Schwartz moved to adjourn. The announcements were read, the doxology sung and the Bishop pronounced the benediction.

STATISTICAL SESSION.

At 2 o'clock p.m., the Conference met in Statistical Session, C. Nakayama presiding. The preachers presented their reports.

SECOND DAY.

Opening.—The Conference met in devotional service at 8.30 a.m., led by K. Ichichi.

At 9 o'clock the Bishop called the Conference to order. The Minutes of the previous day, in English and Japanese, were read, corrected and approved.

Draft.—The Bishop announced a draft on the Book Concern for \$208.00, U.S. gold. On motion of E. R. Fulkerson, it was ordered payable to the Conference Treasurer.

Change of Program.—H. B. Schwartz made a motion, which was carried, that the Home Missionary Society meet to-morrow p.m. at 1.30, and the Preacher's Aid Society meet this afternoon.

New Work.—C. Nakayama moved that a committee of four be appointed to advise as to where new work should be taken up. Carried.

S. Watanabe, K. Kosaka, K. Murai, K. Kawase were appointed.

Conference Reporter.—T. Harada was elected to report the Conference to the Gokyo.

Redistribution.—The advisory Committee on Redistribution was named:

S. Watanabe, T. Otake, T. Nakamura, C. Nakayama.

Members.—It was moved by T. Chiga that a committee of one be appointed to prepare a list of all members of this Conference who have died. Carried. C. Nakayama was appointed.

Preachers' Resort.—The following was presented :

A Memorial having been presented to this Conference by certain laymen of the Nagasaki churches, requesting that a movement be undertaken to provide for a Preacher's Home at Omura, be it

Resolved, that we express our hearty approval of the project and request Bishop Harris and the Presiding Elder of the Western District to serve as an Advisory Committee for this movement.

(Signed) K. KOSAKA,
C. NAKAYAMA,
U. SASAMORI.

This resolution was adopted.

Absentees.—T. Otake and Y. Tsuda, unable to be present yesterday, reported as present.

Letter of Thanks and Invitation.—K. Kosaka and H. B. Schwartz presented a resolution that a letter be sent to His Excellency Governor K. Chigami, of Kagoshima-ken, expressing our appreciation of his kindness to Bishop Harris, and requesting that he honor our Conference with his presence some time during our session to-morrow morning.

That a letter of similar purport be sent to Hon. Kamimura, Mayor of the City of Kagoshima. These resolutions were adopted and H. B. Schwartz and T. Nakamura were appointed a committee to convey the letters.

Reports.—K. Kosaka reported as Presiding Elder of the Northern District. T. Otake and A. D. Berry were called and their characters passed. A letter was read from Ukichi Kaneko, requesting permission to withdraw from the membership of the South Japan Conference and from the Ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It was stated that his parchments had been surrendered, and these were in the hands of the Secretary of the Conference. By vote of the Conference the withdrawal was allowed.

The death of Chiujo Nagano was announced as having taken place June 7th, 1904.

J. C. Davison reported for the part of the Western District which he had supplied as Presiding Elder. Y. Tsuda and E. H. Fretz were called and their characters passed.

H. B. Schwartz gave his report for the part of the Western District supplied by him. The following were called and passed in character: C. Nakayama, E. R. Fulkerson, U. Sasamori, A. E. Rigby, W. B. McGill, E. D. Follwell, D. A. Bunker, G. H. Jones, J. Johanson, K. Kawasaki; a letter from Bro. Kawasaki was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations. H. B. Johnson, S. Yoshioka: A letter was read from Bro. Johnson, Superintendent of the Pacific Coast Japanese Mission, reporting for himself and Bro. Yoshioka.

Closing.—A motion to adjourn was sustained, the announcements were made, the doxology was sung, and Bishop Harris pronounced the benediction.

THIRD DAY.

At 8.30 a.m. the Conference prayer-meeting was held, led by E. R. Fulkerson.

Minutes.—At 9.00 o'clock Bishop Harris took the chair, and the minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Preachers' Resort.—On motion of C. Nakayama, the memorial presented yesterday by laymen from Nagasaki was referred to the Committee on Translation for correction of the English translation.

Course of Study.—K. Murai introduced a motion, which was carried, that a committee, of three be appointed to revise the Course of Study, in consultation with the Japan Conference. E. R. Fulkerson, U. Sasamori, T. Chiga, appointed.

The Thirtieth Question.—Where shall the next Conference be held?

K. Ichichi nominated Nagasaki (Central Church), which was selected.

Japanese Minutes.—T. Chiga reported on the publication of the Japanese Minutes of last year.

Educational Report.—U. Sasamori reported for the committee on Education and Christian Literature, which was adopted. (See reports.)

Chinzei Constitution.—A committee of three, with full power to act, was ordered to revise the Constitution of Chinzei Gakkwan, to take effect next year.

Self-Support.—The report of the Committee on Self-support was read by S. Kawasima, and was adopted. (See reports).

Chinzei Gakkwan.—The report of the Principal, E. R. Fulkerson, was read and adopted. (See report).

District Conference Records.—K. Ichichi gave the report of the Committee on District Records. (See reports).

The Seventh Question.—Who have been admitted into full Membership? Suenoshin Kawasima was reported as having passed the studies of the second year, was called before the Conference, and having answered the Disciplinary Questions, was admitted into full membership and elected to Deacon's Orders.

Introductions.—Rev. and Mrs. Hondelink, of the Dutch Reformed Mission, were introduced. Mr. Hondelink afterwards addressed the Conference briefly.

The Fifth Question.—The Committee reported Atsuo Eguchi and Tamezo Harada as having passed the studies of the First year, and on motion of their Presiding Elders they were advanced to the studies of the Second year.

John F. Wilson, working in the Central China Mission, was called. A letter was presented from him. It was voted that he be received into full connection, his examinations to be given by the Superintendent of his Mission.

On Motion of J. C. Davison, the following were continued in Studies of the First Year: Fung Si-Jin, Ten San-Si, Yang Teh-Yüin, John R. Trindle.

The Tenth Question.—Toranosuke Chiga, having passed the studies of the Fourth year, on motion of his Presiding Elder was graduated from the Course of Study.

Visitors.—Mrs. Taneda and Mrs. Sasao, of the W. C. T. U., were introduced and the former made a few remarks.

Mr. Kawai, representative of the Bible Society, was introduced.

Auditing Committee.—E. R. Fulkerson and U. Sasamori were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Time of Conference.—A resolution was presented by K. Kosaka, H. B. Schwartz, U. Sasamori and E. R. Fulkerson, as follows ;

Resolved, that, in view of the desire of the Japan Conference to hold its sessions during the spring vacation, and the impossibility of holding this Conference anywhere but in Nagasaki while our schools are in session, we earnestly request the Bishop to appoint the next session of this Conference for September 7, 1906, and thereafter every year early in September.

J. C. Davison moved as an amendment that we request the early part of July as the time for Conference.

The hour for adjournment having come, the time was extended.

The amendment was voted on and lost. The original motion being put to vote, was carried by a vote of ten to six.

Evangelistic Work.—The Advisory Committee on Evangelistic Work having reported, an amendment was made recommending the opening of work in Sasebo and the placing of a Missionary there. The report was then adopted. (See report)

Board of Stewards.—The report of the Board of Stewards was given. An amendment made by C. Nakayama was adopted, that grants be made to Mrs. Nagano and Mrs. Matsumoto, but that all other grants be regarded as loans.

The report, after some discussion, was remanded to the Committee for further consideration, with instructions to include in its report the method by which loans should be repaid in each case.

The Twelfth Question.—Yasufusa Narita, a local Deacon, recommended by the Central District Conference, having passed the required examinations, on the motion of J. C. Davison, was elected to Elder's orders.

State of the Country.—A. D. Berry moved that a committee on the State of the Country be appointed. Carried. C. Nakayama and U. Sasamori were appointed.

Auditors' Report.—The Auditing Committee reported. (See reports).

Adjournment.—A motion to adjourn was carried, and after the announcements the doxology was sung and E. H. Fretz pronounced the benediction.

THE FOURTH DAY.

Opening.—The Conference devotions were led by Y. Narita, beginning at 8 00 a.m.

The Bishop took his place at 8.30, the Minutes of Saturday were read and approved, both English and Japanese.

Baptism.—T. Nakamura asked that the business be suspended to allow the baptism of a young man who accepted Christ at the service last evening. The Bishop baptized the young man, and business was resumed.

Triers of Appeals.—The Bishop named as Triers of Appeals, K. Kosaka, J. C. Davison, U. Sasamori, E. R. Fulkerson, T. Nakamura, Y. Tsuda, T. Otake.

Chinzei Gakkwan Constitution.—E. R. Fulkerson, U. Sasamori, A. E. Rigby were appointed to prepare the Chinzei Gakkwan Constitution.

Board of Examiners.—The name of T. Chiga was added to the Board of Examiners.

State of the Country.—C. Nakayama reported for the committee on the State of the Country, which was adopted. (See reports).

Benevolences.—The Committee on Benevolences submitted its report through K. Murai. (See reports.)

Collection.—K. Murai was appointed to take a collection for Conference expenses.

Conference Societies.—Dr. Sasamori presented the names of the officers of the Conference Societies, which were confirmed. (See list of officers.)

Publishing Minutes.—The Secretaries were elected to publish the Minutes.

Program Committee.—The Presiding Elder of the District and the Pastors of the Churches where the Conference is to meet were selected as Committee on Conference Program.

Board of Stewards.—The Board of Stewards, through its chairman, presented its revised report, which was adopted. (See report.)

H. B. Schwartz reported the work of the Committee on Juridical Person. The report was adopted and the Committee continued. (See report.)

Missionary to Korea.—A written report of the work in Korea, prepared by K. Kihara, was read. (See reports.)

Gokyo Report.—This report was read by T. Chiga. (See reports.)

On the motion of H. B. Schwartz, a committee composed of U. Sasamori, S. Kawasima, and C. Nakayama was appointed to represent the views of this Conference as to needed improvements in the Gokyo.

Official Minutes.—The English Minutes were made the Official Minutes of the Conference.

Conference Relations.—The committee on Conference Relations made the following recommendations, which were approved by a vote of the Conference :

That K. Kawasaki be left without appointment to attend school ;

That S. Yoshioka be appointed to work in the Pacific Coast Japanese Mission.

That Isaku Matsumoto, recommended by the Southern District Conference for admission on trial, be admitted and that we request that he be left without appointment to attend school, provided he pass examinations before a special committee. Carried.

The committee was made to consist of U. Sasamori and C. Nakayama.

Tomeya Oho, recommended by the Southern District Conference, having passed the examinations, was admitted on trial.

Tsung Fa-Go was discontinued at his own request.

Chinzei Gakkwan Visitors.—C. Nakayama gave an oral report as visitor to Chinzei Gakkwan. T. Chiga and C. Nakayama were elected visitors for the coming year.

Collection.—K. Murai announced the collection of Yen 7.43.

Hymnal and Ritual.—The following was presented :

Whereas, The Central Mission Conference, the only body having supervision of the publishing and other connectional interests of our two Conferences in Japan, at its recent session passed a resolution calling for the publication of an edition of the Hymnal containing the General Rules and certain parts of the Ritual, and

Whereas, Although in the meantime a new edition of the Hymnal has been published, this action has been disregarded and our churches, to their great loss, have been compelled to buy the regular edition, therefore

Resolved, That we respectfully inquire why the action of the Central Conference has thus far been disregarded, and that we call for the immediate preparation of an edition of the Hymnal in harmony with the action of the Central Conference.

(Signed) U. SASAMORI, A. D. BERRY, E. R. FULKERSON,
K. KAWASE, H. B. SCHWARTZ.

This resolution was adopted, and the Secretary was instructed to correspond with the Publishing Agent.

The Ninth Question.—What Members are in the Studies of the Fourth Year? Suian Watanabe was called, examinations reported, and on motion of his Presiding Elder he was advanced to the Fourth Year studies.

The Bishop called C. Nakayama to the chair while he held a short Cabinet meeting in the adjoining room.

Statistics.—The Statistics were read by K. Kawase. (See statistics.)

The Bishop again took the chair.

Introduction.—S. Kihara, of the Japan Conference, was introduced.

Missions (Redistribution.)—H. B. Schwartz read the redistribution, and the report was adopted. (See reports.)

10. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study ?
 - (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year. *None.*
 - (b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously. *Toranosuke Chiga.*
 11. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons ? *None.*
 12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders ?
 - (a) As Local Deacons. *Yasufusa Narita.*
 - (b) Under Missionary Rule. *None.*
 - (c) Under Seminary Rule. *None.*
 13. Was the Character of each Preacher examined ?

This was done in open Conference as the name of each was called.
 14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences ? *None.*
 15. Who have Died ? *Chiujo Nagano.*
 16. Who have been Located at their own Request ? *None.*
 17. Who have been Located ? *None.*
 18. Who have Withdrawn ? *Ukichi Kaneko.*
 19. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints ? *None.*
 20. Who have been Expelled ? *None.*
 21. What other personal Notation should be made ? *None.*
 22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers ? *None.*
 23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers ? *None.*
 24. Who are the Triers of Appeals ? *K. Kosaka, J. C. Davison, U. Sasamori, E. R. Fulkerson, T. Nakamura, Y. Tsuda, T. Otake.*
 25. What is the Statistical Report for this year ? *See Statistics.*
 26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer ?
 27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund ? *Yen 539.75.*
 28. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied ? *See report of Board of Stewards.*
 29. Where are the Preachers Stationed ? *(See list of Appointments.)*
 30. Where shall the Next Conference be held ? *Nagasaki, Central Church.*
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APPOINTMENTS: SOUTH JAPAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

April 3rd, 1905.

J. C. Davison, Presiding Elder. Residence, Kumamoto.

Hitoyoshi	...	...	...	...	To be supplied.
Kumamoto	...	...	...	...	T. Chiga.
Omuta and Seitaka	...	...	...	...	Supplied by C. Inouye.
Uto Circuit	...	...	...	...	To be supplied.
Waifu and Yamaga	...	...	...	...	S. Watanabe.
Yanagawa and Okawa	...	...	...	...	To be supplied.
Yatsushiro	...	...	...	...	Supplied by S. Narita.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

K. Kosaka, Presiding Elder. Residence, Moji.

Hakata	...	...	...	...	T. Otake.
Koga and Fukuma	...	...	...	...	To be supplied.
Moji and Kokura	...	...	...	...	K. Kosaka.
Wakamatsu and Nagata	...	...	...	...	T. Harada.
A. D. Berry, Professor in Aoyama Shin Gakko (Theological School), Member of Moji Quarterly Conference.					

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

H. B. Schwartz, Presiding Elder.

Agune Circuit	...	...	...	...	...	To be supplied.
Formosa	...	...	...	...	...	To be supplied.
Kagoshima	...	...	...	...	...	T. Nakamura.

Resident Missionary, F. N. Scott.

Kajiki...	...	...	...	...	...	To be supplied.
Kukubo Circuit	...	...	...	...	...	K. Ichichi.
Okinawa (Loo Choo Islands)	...	...	...	...	...	K. Murai.
Shuri Circuit (Loo Choo Islands)	...	...	...	...	...	T. Oho.
Sendai	...	...	...	...	...	A. Eguchi.

I. Matsumoto, left without appointment to attend school,
Member of Kagoshima Quarterly Conference.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder to be supplied by J. C. Davison.

Fukuoka	...	...	...	...	...	K. Kawase.
Resident Missionary, E. H. Fretz.						
Kurume and Tashiro	...	...	...	...	...	Y. Tsuda.
Nagasaki :						
Central Church	...	...	...	...	...	C. Nakayama.
Wesley Church	...	...	...	...	...	S. Kawasima.
Bungo-machi Mission	...	...	...	...	...	To be supplied from Wesley Church.
Omura and Isahaya	...	...	...	...	...	To be supplied by U. Sasamori.
Sasebo	...	...	...	...	...	To be supplied.
Shimabara	...	...	...	...	...	To be supplied.
Takeo	...	...	...	...	...	To be supplied.

E. R. Fulkerson, Principal ; U. Sasamori, Vice-Principal ; A. E. Rigby, Professor in Chinzei Gakkwan: All members of Wesley Quarterly Conference ; one Missionary to be supplied.

K. Kawasaki, left without appointment to attend school in Boston.

H. B. Johnson, superintendent of Pacific Japanese Mission.

S. Yoshioka, Pacific Japanese Mission, Portland, Oregon.

W. B. McGill, E. D. Follwell, D. A. Bunker and G. H. Jones,
Missionaries in Korea.

J. F. Wilson and J. R. Trindle, Missionaries in Central China.

J. Johanson, Fung Si-Jin, Yang Teh-Yüin, and Ten San-Si,
Missionaries in West China.

To preach the Missionary Sermon, K. Murai ; alternate, S. Kawasima.

APPOINTMENTS OF SOUTH JAPAN WOMAN'S CONFERENCE.

I.—EVANGELISTIC WORK.

NORTH KIUSHIU DISTRICT :

Leonora M. Seeds, Superintendent. (Residence, Fukuoka).

SOUTH KIUSHIU DISTRICT :—

Jean M. Gheer, Superintendent, Kagoshima.

KAGOSHIMA :—

Jean M. Gheer, Lida B. Smith, Hortense Long.

KUMAMOTO :—

Two ladies to be supplied.

FORMOSA :—

Two ladies to be supplied.

II.—EDUCATIONAL WORK.

Elizabeth Russell, Superintendent.

EIWA JO GAKKO, FUKUOKA :—

Mabel K. Seeds, Principal.

Leonora M. Seeds, Assistant.

One to be supplied.

KWASSUI JO GAKKO, NAGASAKI :—

Marianna Young, President.

(The Superintendent will act as President until Miss Young's return).

Elizabeth Russell.

Lola M. Kidwell.

Hettie A. Thomas.

Mabel W. Davison, Music Department.

Mary E. Melton, Biblical Department.

Mary A. Cody, Kindergarten.

CHILDREN'S HOME, KOGA :—

Elizabeth Russell.

DIRECTING FACULTY :—

Elizabeth Russell, Mary E. Melton, Marianna Young,
Leonora M. Seeds (or substitute), Mabel K. Seeds.

PUBLIC SERVICES AND ANNIVERSARIES.

Wednesday Evening, March 29th.

A. D. Berry preached the Missionary Sermon, the meeting being presided over by C. Nakayama.

Thursday, March 30th.

At 4 p.m., a meeting was held in the Chamber of Commerce, about 600 being present. C. Nakayama presided. Dr. U. Sasamori spoke briefly on the subject "War and Peace." Bishop Harris then gave a stirring address on the theme, "Japan and Christianity."

In the evening the Conference Lecture was delivered in the Church by S. Kawasima, who had for his subject, "Amos, a Prophet of Righteousness." A. Eguchi presided at this service.

Friday, March 31st.

2.00 o'clock, p.m. The Church Extension, Education, and Preachers' Aid Societies held their business sessions.

At 3.30 o'clock a mass meeting was held in the Takachihoza theater, presided over by H. B. Schwartz. K. Kosaka gave an address on the "Mission of Christ," followed by Bishop Harris on "The Providence of God in New Japan."

The evening service in the church was presided over by A. E. Rigby, the preachers being T. Harada, "The Christian Idea of God;" and T. Chiga, "What is Man?"

Saturday, April 1st:—

Bishop Harris met the ladies of the W.C.T.U. at 2 p.m., at Mrs. Taneda's, and addressed them.

At 2.30 the Home Missionary Society held its business meeting in the Church.

At 4 p.m., the Conference was entertained by the local church at the Haku mei kwan. Several addresses were given, music was furnished and refreshments were served.

At the evening service, Y. Tsuda presided, sermons being preached by S. Watanabe, "What is Sin?"; T. Otake, "Christ the Savior"; K. Murai, "What is Salvation?"

Sunday, April 2nd.

The Conference Love Feast at 9.30 was led by J. C. Davison.

At 10.30 Bishop Harris preached the Conference sermon, followed by the ordination of S. Kawasima as Deacon.

At 2.30 p.m., a union service was held with the W.F.M.S. Miss Gheer presided and Miss Mary E. Melton and Dr. U. Sasamori spoke.

3.30 p.m. the ordination of Elders took place, Y. Narita being ordained.

The evening service was of a revival nature, U. Sasamori presiding.

C. Nakayama preached from the subject, "Who can be saved?"

H. Kihara then spoke of the work in Korea. Dr. Sasamori made a personal appeal for seekers and there were over twenty who expressed a desire to be saved.

CENTRAL KIUSHU DISTRICT.

J. C. DAVISON, Presiding Elder.

We meet to-day under circumstances different from those attending any of our former gatherings as an annual Conference.

The Japanese nation is to-day engaged in one of the most momentous wars of her entire history, the final outcome of which is known only to the God of all battles.

The mind of the nation has been sobered as never before and the calm, steady facing of the responsibilities of both national and personal life bids fair to become one of the best fruits of this life and death struggle.

Her marvelous success thus far has doubtless resulted, in large measure, from the loyal spirit pervading every unit of her invincible armies and we shall hail the day when the Church of Christ can claim the same devotion from every soldier of the Cross in this fair land.

Kumamoto contains one of the chief military garrisons of the nation and here we see much of the preparation for, as well as the sad havoc wrought by war.

By permission of the authorities of the army hospitals in the city, work among the sick and wounded soldiers has recently been allowed. This work is carried on by the joint action of the different Protestant Churches in the city during four days in each week, full permission being granted to distribute religious tracts and scripture portions at the close of each service.

The complexion of our regular Sabbath congregations has materially changed by the addition of a large number of young men and young women whose attendance is becoming more and more regular.

In addition to his stated work in the city of Kumamoto, the pastor, Brother Chiga, maintains preaching services at Uto and pays occasional visits to Hitoyoshi for the same purpose. It was my privilege to be with him on the occasion of his visit there in October last and I hope to repeat the same soon after annual conference, and as often as possible in the future.

The church building in Kumamoto has been repainted and repairs made on the parsonage costing in the aggregate over 110 yen. Both

the Church and parsonage have been well insured in a reliable Japanese company.

In addition to the work of Mrs. Ōshima as the Bible woman for the Church, Mrs. Davison has had the special help of Miss Yamada in conducting Sunday School Classes among the non-church going children of the city. She also conducts a Bible Class—in English—for young men on Wednesday afternoons as well as in the Sunday School, held just before the regular morning service. Besides this she also holds a semi-monthly meeting, in her own home, for the benefit of the women of the church.

Twelve adults and three children have been baptized and the same rate of pastoral support guaranteed for the coming year.

Bishop Harris's visit of four days was filled with incessant work. During this time he delivered seven stirring addresses and made a host of friends among the Christians of the various churches as well as among the officials and chief citizens of the city who paid him the honor of a public reception headed by the Governor of the ken and the Mayor of the city—the latter making the address of welcome which was responded to by the Bishop.

At Yatsushiro, Bro. Narita has had six adult baptisms and a number of new inquirers added to his former roll. Miss Sugimoto, the Bible woman who for three years had labored at Yatsushiro, recently left for Tokyo for further study, but her place was at once supplied by Miss Matsunobu from Nagasaki. Bro. Narita still visits Kagami and regularly ministers to our little band of believers at that place.

Pastoral support will be continued on the basis of last year.

At Yamaga the work is steadily growing. Six adults and six children have been baptized and others are diligently studying the way. Kutami and Waifu have less to report. The Bible woman, Miss Takamatsu, resides at Waifu and looks after the Sunday School in the absence of the pastor on Sunday morning. An additional preacher is much needed at Waifu which is too far distant from Yamaga for the pastor, Bro. Watanabe, to work with satisfaction to himself or profit to the people.

Pastoral support suffers no reduction from the amount paid last year, tho' the increased cost of living, growing out of the war, calls for increased sacrifice here as in every other charge.

At Setaka, Omuta, and Yanagawa, Bro. Inouye has more on his hands than he can well attend to. An additional worker is greatly needed to reside at Omuta, where Miss Omura, the Bible woman, now lives and superintends the Sunday School held just before the morning service. The church at Omuta has been repaired and also insured during the year.

The pastor conducts a weekly class for Bible Study at Dr. Tanaka's Main hospital in the village of Nakayama, where the Doctor and his family reside. This charge has done well in the matter of pastoral support which is maintained at last year's rate. Four adults have been baptized.

Our District Conference was held at Omuta, March 6-8, when one Local Deacon was recommended for Local Elder's orders, and the licenses of two Local Preachers were renewed. Evangelistic services were extended to Setaka and Yanagawa after the close of the session.

Quite a number of our members have been called out for service in the war, where they have shown no less courage than any other class of men in the Imperial Army, and would that all who profess membership in the Church of Christ were equally faithful in the great crusade against the powers of spiritual darkness, and equally zealous for the promotion of righteousness and truth in these strenuous times.

March 30th, 1905.

NORTH KIUSHU DISTRICT.

K. KOSAKA, Presiding Elder.

In addition to other duties I have attended the four Quarterly Conferences on each charge. I have been pastor at Kokura and Moji during the past Conference year. But Mr. Berry and Mr. T. Harada, the assistant preacher, were in Moji, and they have done good work there. The foundations of a strong church have been laid. As Moji is called the "Gibraltar of Japan," it is one of the most important places in the country. The population is constantly increasing and the city is prosperous in every way. I went there to conduct the morning service every Sunday and to lead the Bible class every Wednesday.

Kokura :—This place, next to Moji, is the most important place in this region in the Russo-Japanese war. The hospitals there are filled with many sick and wounded soldiers. There have been conversions and baptisms among these. It is our privilege and duty to sympathize with those who have offered themselves for their country.

Wakamatsu :—Wakamatsu church had some difficulties on account of the resignation of the pastor, U. Kaneko. But there have been no ill results among the members, as they have held faithful. Unfortunately we have financial difficulties owing to debt. During the latter half of the year I went there to conduct the Sunday afternoon worship and to lead the Wednesday prayer meeting.

Hakata :—This is a commercial city, and rapid progress is not to be expected. So we need patience in order to bring about results in Christian work. Mr. Otake is suited to the place.

Koga :—I go out to this preaching place every Thursday and we always have quite good congregations.

Nagata and Kayanose :—These places are hopeful.

A limited amount of self-support is reported, as so many members have been called to military service since the war began. We collect money for self-support from native members only. So our policy is positive.

Though the sphere of our evangelistic work is extending, we feel sorry that preachers and workers are so scarce.

SOUTH KIUSHU DISTRICT.

HENRY B. SCHWARTZ, Presiding Elder.

The last Conference made an almost complete change in the South Kiushiu District, with the exception of Brother Murai in Loo Choo, every man on the district was in a new appointment. The year began very hopefully and on the whole will show good results.

On the twelfth of September, I was obliged to undergo an operation which resulted in four weeks in the hospital and a convalescence of eight weeks more. With the exception of about a week, however, I was able to keep in touch with my work and by the kind assistance of friends to hold

the Quarterly Conferences as usual. I wish to acknowledge my special obligation to Brother T. Nakamura who was ever ready to do all in his power to help and whose visit to Loo Choo was a great refreshing to the church there, where previous to his coming, owing to the pastor's illness and the drought and famine the church had been having, literally and figuratively, a dry time. I am also under obligation to Dr. Sasamori and to Dr. Fulkerson for holding Quarterly Conferences for me, and to all the members of the Conference for their prayers and good wishes. By God's goodness I am entirely recovered and feel stronger than for years.

The war has taken away from us some of our strongest members and has taxed the resources of our people so that self support has been hard to maintain, but on the other hand it has given us enlarged opportunities, especially in the line of mercy and help, which our pastors and people have been quick to embrace.

In Kagoshima, most of the relief work has been done through the Woman's Christian Temperance Union by the cooperation of all the Christians in the city. Soldiers' families have been visited, letters have been written, and work has been provided by which a large number of needy families have been able to help themselves. Much of the success of this work is due to Mrs. S. Taneda whose wise management and untiring labors are a good illustration of the innate ability of Japanese Womanhood.

On the Kokubu Circuit, the pastor's residence was moved by the last conference from the town of Kajiki to Kokubu. This is a country town in the center of a large and well-to-do population. It is conveniently located for work, and the pastor has carried on regular meetings in three neighboring villages as well as at Kajiki. Brother Ijichi and his wife have done good work and have been well helped by Miss Nakanishi, the faithful and energetic Bible woman. The congregations at Kokubu are good and the increased attendance of women is very notable. The attitude of the best people of the town toward our church and its pastor may be seen from the fact that Brother Ijichi was recently invited to address the Woman's Society of the place where he spoke to more than three hundred ladies in a large Buddhist temple! We had hoped before this conference to have a small preaching place and parsonage ready for dedication, but for various reasons the work is not yet completed.

In Kagoshima, our church has lost five or six of its strongest members by removal during the year. The constant moving of our members would almost seem to be a Divine plan for the spread of Christianity to every part of the Empire, but it is very hard on our churches. The coming of Brother Nakamura as a new pastor to this church was signalized by some much needed repairs to the church and parsonage, both of which are now in a very neat condition. The congregations are good, and the interest is well maintained. This church is well supplied with Bible women; the women's meetings are well kept up and the attendance of women at the church services has been constantly growing.

I wish in this connection to speak of the good work done by our Women's Foreign Missionary Society ladies, Miss Gheer and Miss Smith. Miss Gheer's work carries her far beyond the bounds of this district and she is often obliged to be away from us for weeks at a time, but Miss Smith's work is in Kagoshima and its results are seen in every part of the work there.

At Sendai, Brother A. Eguchi has put in a year of faithful work. Sendai is a flourishing town, the business center of a large and important territory. It is one of our oldest appointments. But in all these years we have never been able to secure a decent place of worship and while we have had a number of baptisms in the past five years, they have mostly been young men, generally students, and they have come and gone, and the church is about where it was when I first knew it, except that the members are older and more feeble. The pastor has, however, been encouraged by the results of the work which he has taken up at Agune, seventeen miles north, and at Kushikino, seven and a half miles south of Sendai. These towns are on the national road and are easily reached by stage. At Agune, Brother Eguchi has been greatly helped by the presence of a Christian physician and his devoted wife. At Kushikino, he has discovered a number of Christians of various denominations and there are several inquirers. Mrs. Tokunami has recently come to Sendai as Bible woman and is doing good work.

In the Loo Choo Islands, Brother Murai has been ably assisted by Brother T. Oho, a local preacher. Meetings have been held, not only in Naha where our headquarters are, but in Shuri and over quite a wide circuit. Brother Murai has been called to pass through various trials during the year. He has been ill himself and has again and again

had illness in his family. In July, his only little daughter passed from his home to her Father's home above, but her ashes mingling with the soil of Loo Choo have made it more precious than ever to Brother Murai and have deepened his desire to live and labour for the Loochooan people.

In October, Brother T. Nakamura, with Miss Smith, and my wife and daughter Anna, spent three delightful weeks in Loo Choo. They saw not only all our own work there, but were permitted to inspect the educational and other work being done by the Japanese Government and Brother Nakamura, Mrs. Schwartz and Anna spent two days in the country on the Shuri circuit where probably no white woman's foot had ever trod before.

In conclusion, a few words as to the needs of the District. First and foremost we need men. In all this great territory, including Loo Choo with 460,000 people, we have only a mere handful of workers. Kajiki and Kokubu should be divided and a man should be stationed in each. Oguchi or Yokogawa should also have a pastor assigned to it. In the near future a second preaching place must be opened in Kagoshima. In this great city, we must maintain a missionary family and to this end a missionary home must be bought, for as long as we are without missionary homes in the centres we occupy we shall be shifting continually, opening places and abandoning them after a few years. Houses suitable for a foreigner's residence are difficult to obtain and the amount we must pay for rent and repairs on them would in a few years pay for houses of our own.

The next place where a foreign missionary should be located is in Loo Choo. Here are nearly half a million people, kindred to Japanese, with a language not much more different than some dialects, and now an integral part of the Empire. Unlike the Ainu they show no signs of becoming extinct. We have a fine opening here and a missionary who can use the Japanese language should be sent here to occupy it. A chain of stations could soon be opened and another district added to our conference. Here, too, we need property. As long as we are mere renters our work will be temporary in its nature. We might learn a lesson from our Roman Catholic friends, who are building a splendid brick church in Oshima, one of the islands of the same group, which will last for centuries. If we are here to stay let us not hesitate to buy property everywhere we have work, for only by doing so can we establish any permanent centers and exert any lasting influence.

REPORT OF THE NAGASAKI PORTION OF THE WEST KIUSHU DISTRICT.

HENRY B. SCHWARTZ, Presiding Elder.

The last session of the Conference left the Nagasaki portion of the West District in a very unsatisfactory condition. It had a supply presiding elder and our important school church had a temporary pastor. A presiding elder living in Kagoshima and having important work in Nagasaki is almost as badly handicapped as the Russian generals with their outposts thousands of miles away from their home base of supplies. The two cities are separated by three days of hard travel if the journey is made overland and by an indefinite number of hours if the uncertain and irregular steamers are relied upon. Notwithstanding all the difficulties, however, the final report is most encouraging; surely God's blessing has crowned the year.

At Wesley Church, Brother T. Harada did good service during the spring and summer and with the assistance of the teachers in the schools and others also carried on a meeting every Sunday night in the preaching place which had been opened up town. The first of July we rented, in Bungo Machi, a better place for this mission at a reduced rent and the work has been well kept up during the year. Four baptisms will be reported in connection with it. The location in Bungo Machi is too near churches of other denominations to be made a permanent centre. In November, Brother S. Kawasima returned from America and Brother Harada was glad to turn over to him the arduous work which, notwithstanding all the difficulties, he had handled so well. I wish especially to express my appreciation of Brother Harada's work in connection with Wesley Church. Brother Kawasima took up the work vigorously and has proved admirably fitted for it. He has more than forty baptisms to report.

Central Church, in Ginya-machi, which was dedicated just after the last annual conference, should become the Methodist Cathedral of Kiushu. It is well located, has a fine auditorium and a very comfortable parsonage and should have a wonderful influence in the future work of our church in Nagasaki. Brother Nakayama has a band of devoted people ever ready to second their pastor in every good work. I have nothing but

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

EDUCATION AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE.

1.—The Committee wishes to express especial satisfaction in reading the report of E. R. Fulkerson, Principal of Chinzei Gakkwan, to learn of the material and spiritual progress of the school.

2.—Concerning the Constitution of Chinzei Gakkwan, the committee appointed last year drafted a Constitution which was presented to the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society in New York. They deferred the operation of the Constitution until 1906. In view of this and of defects in the Constitution drawn up, we recommend that a committee be appointed to prepare a Constitution after careful consideration of the Constitution of Aoyama Gakuin and similar institutions. This Committee should have full power to act, and shall present the Constitution agreed upon to the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society for approval.

3.—We would call especial attention to the last clause of the Principal's report and urge that steps be taken as soon as practicable to secure Government recognition.

4.—We would urge our pastors to use their influence in increasing the circulation of the "Gokyo." Our church paper should be made popular and helpful to all our church members.

U. SASAMORI,
A. E. RIGBY,
T. HARADA.

CHINZEI GAKKWAN.

E. R. FULKERSON, Principal.

In presenting this report, I wish to acknowledge the excellent service rendered by Dr. Sasamori, the Vice Principal, in the management of the school during the first term, before I returned from the United States. On my return, the last of September, I took up my work with the hearty support of all the teachers. The year has been one of the best in the history of the school.

Attendance.—The total enrollment for the year was 336, and the average attendance fully equal to the capacity of the building. Because of the large increase in the lower classes, we have arranged to divide the second year class from the opening of the school in April.

Material Improvement.—During the year a gymnasium was built at a total cost of three hundred yen, more than two hundred yen of which was contributed by the students, former graduates, and friends of the school. The Missionary Society has provided for more than eight thousand yen toward a new building, and we are hoping to secure ten thousand more during the coming year. With a new building we can care for at least 350 students.

A new brick wall is now being built in front of Dr. Sasamori's house, and also between the school grounds and No. 6.

Religious Work.—As in the past, the religious life of the school has been strong and steady. Much of this was due to the splendid work of Dr. Sasamori and Bro. Kawasima, the pastor of Wesley church.

Our Graduates.—At the last Commencement seven men graduated from the Koto (College) class, ten from the Academy, and one from the Special English course. Of the above number two will enter the Ministry.

In closing this report, I wish to express my conviction that an effort should be made to secure government recognition as soon as possible.

STATISTICS.

Total enrollment, 336 ; average attendance, about 250 ; number of theological students in training, 8 ; number of boarding students who are Christians, about 80 per cent.; total local income for the year, including the boarding department, about six thousand yen.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

Your Committee respectfully recommend the following schedule of grants and loans for the coming year :—

Grants :—					Yen
Kimura's boy	...	...	...	...	36.00
Mrs. Matsumoto	...	...	...	...	220.00
Mrs. Nagano	...	...	...	...	220.00
Loans :—					
K. Murai	...	...	...	...	13.75
T. Otake	...	...	...	...	40.00
Y. Tsuda	...	...	...	...	10.00
Total					539.75

The above loans to be repaid to the Mission Treasurer as follows :
K. Murai, 30 sen per month and the balance next Conference.
T. Otake, 2.00 yen per month and the balance next Conference.
T. Tsuda, 1.00 yen per month.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. DAVISON,
C. NAKAYAMA,
U. SASAMORI.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE ORGANIZATION OF A LEGAL PERSON.

Your Committee has held several meetings during the year and after deciding on a plan of organization it appointed a sub-committee to present the papers to the proper authorities and they are now in the hands of the Naimusho officials.

We desire to call the attention of the Bishop to the matter, and to request him to inquire about the matter at the Naimusho.

As their names have been sent in as the organizers of the Legal Person it is important that the same committee be continued another year, and we therefore request reappointment.

H. B. SCHWARTZ,

C. NAKAYAMA.

For the Committee.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

This certifies that we have examined the Treasurer's accounts and have found them correct.

U. SASAMORI.

E. R. FULKERSON.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

We, the Committee, examined all the District Conference records, and all were clear and without mistakes.

K. ICHICHI,

Y. TSUDA.

A. EGUCHI.

MEMOIR OF REV. C. NAGANO.

The Rev. Chiujo Nagano was born in 1864, at Shinjo. He entered the Ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1885. During his active ministry he was stationed at the following places;—Yamagata, Yonezawa, Sahara, Okinawa, Hakata, Moji.

Bro. Nagano was the first Japanese preacher to be sent to the Loo Choo Islands, and there he did his best work, enthusiastically and truly blazing the way for others to follow. It was his especial delight in his after years to tell of his experiences while in those Islands.

From the fall of 1903, he was compelled to lay aside the work of the ministry. An insidious disease had been gradually tearing him down for years before. He returned to his native province and there he died in June, 1904. A widow who shared with him the toils and joys of his ministry survives him to mourn his absence from earth. Also five children, the two oldest boys of whom are at present in Aoyama Gakuin, and the eldest girl in Aoyama Jo Gakko.

Brother Nagano was a man of boundless energy and enthusiasm and zeal. Would that his mantle in this respect might fall on all of us, his brethren. He was a natural orator and his preaching was most attractive and appealing. As a friend and comrade he was unexcelled. His generosity and his boundless good humor made him liked by all. May the Lord whom he served so long and so earnestly protect and bless his widow and his children and inspire us his brethren to take his vacant place in the ranks and fulfill the work he had to lay down.

A. D. BERRY.

JAPANESE MISSION IN KOREA.

To Bishop M. C. Harris and the members of the South Japan Conference :—

I am glad to make a report of our work in Korea, which is supported by you and your prayers.

The Japanese M. E. Church at Seoul, Korea, was organized March 19th, 1905. There are thirty-two members. Of these, eighteen remain in Seoul, the rest being scattered in Chemulpo, Chefoo, Manchuria, etc., and one has returned to Japan.

During the last ten months the amount of money received for support and benevolences was over Yen 159.00. We decided that Yen 15.00 per month be raised for the support of the pastor.

In the morning service we have an average attendance of fifteen, in the evening of twenty ; in prayer meeting, from eight to thirteen. There is a woman's club of a small membership, and about sixteen students in the Sunday School.

Having received a donation of Yen 1000.00, we bought a lot for a church building and parsonage,

I went once each week to Chemulpo for a service. Mr. and Mrs. Tsunado, of the Nagasaki M.E. Church, are prominent in our work there.

Lieutenant-Colonel Usa was at Kin Ka, and is now at Kanko, where he holds a class meeting every night. As a result, there have been some conversions.

In closing, I strongly appeal to the Conference brethren to give us your earnest prayers and hearty support for our work for the coming year.

Please send Church Letters or letters of introduction to me when any friend comes to Korea.

Yours very truly,

H. KIHARA.

FRATERNAL LETTERS.

To the Members of the Japan Conference, Greeting :—

We, the members of the South Japan Annual Conference take great pleasure in sending our Christian greetings and best wishes to the Japan Annual Conference. Having had a delightful and profitable session with our beloved Bishop M. C. Harris and visiting brethren, we assure you of our continued interest and prayers in your behalf. We are one with you in a common prayer for the cause of Christ in Japan.

EDWIN H. FRETZ, K. KAWASE,
J. C. DAVISON, S. KAWASIMA,

MISSIONS.

REDISTRIBUTION OF MISSION FUNDS.

Total Mission Grant ...	...	...	...	6,571.66
Less Rents, January—March...	...	...	362.00	
Salaries { 3 months ...	...	...	1,582.50	
Less Self support ...	...	...	463.80	
			<u>1,118.70</u>	
				<u>1,480.70</u>
Balance of Grant for nine months ...	...	...	...	5,090.96
Special Gift. ...	...	...	...	100.00
Self Support—April ...	...	...	...	630.90
Available for Salaries and Rents ...	...	...	...	<u>5,821.86</u>

REDISTRIBUTION :—APRIL TO DECEMBER.

Appointment.	Presiding Elder Claims.	Salary.	Rent.	Total Expenditure.	Self Support.	Grant in Aid.
Moji, Kokura and Koga	—	45.00	23.00	68.00	5.50	62.50
Hakata	—	36.00	16.00	52.00	1.50	50.50
Wakamatsu	—	27.00	8.00	35.00	5.00	30.00
Fukuoka	—	36.00	—	36.00	15.00	21.00
Kurume	—	35.00	8.00	43.00	1.00	42.00
Omura and Seitaka ...	—	30.00	8.00	38.00	6.50	31.50
Yamaga and Waifu ...	—	33.00	7.00	40.00	3.00	37.00
Kumamoto	—	37.00	3.00	40.00	9.00	31.00
Yatsushiro	—	32.00	7.00	39.00	1.10	37.90
Sendai	—	27.00	6.00	33.00	1.50	31.50
Kagoshima	—	38.00	—	38.00	12.00	26.00
Kokubu and Kajiki ...	—	33.00	13.50	46.50	2.00	44.50
Okinawa—Naha	—	40.00	16.00	56.00	6.00	50.00
„ Shuri	—	25.00	—	25.00	—	25.00
Omura	—	10.00	5.00	15.00	1.00	14.00
Nagasaki—Wesley ...	—	50.00	—	50.00	50.00	—
„ Central	—	35.00	—	35.00	35.00	—
Akunoura	—	—	7.00	7.00	—	7.00
Bungo-machi	—	4.00	6.50	10.50	—	10.50
Fukahori	—	4.00	—	4.00	—	4.00
Total per month ...	—	577.00	134.00	711.00	155.10	555.90
Total for 9 months.	—	5,193.00	1,206.00	6,399.00	1,395.90	5,003.10

GOKYO REPORT

(METHODIST ADVOCATE).

January to December, 1904.

RECEIPTS :

	Yen.
Balance on hand.....	97.607
Total received from subscriptions	684.83
Received from advertisements	161.17
Received from interest	17.04
Received from the Conferences.....	900.00
Miscellaneous	2.00
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Total	1862.747

EXPENDITURES :

	Yen.
For printing	799.73
Postage	236.735
Editorial work	555.515
Employes.....	182.075
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Total	1774.055
Balance on hand	88.692

STATISTICS :

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Number of copies distributed.....	680
Number of subscribers	554
Number of exchanges.....	126

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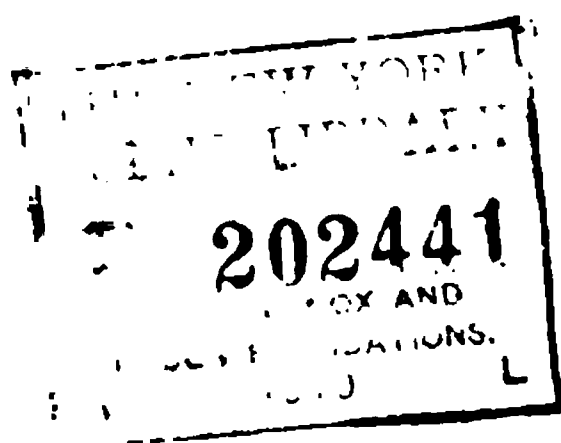
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This certifies that this volume is a complete and correct Record of the SOUTH JAPAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE for 1906, and was adopted by the Conference as its Official Record.

A. E. Rigby.

Secretary.

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1899	Berry, Arthur D.	E.	Aoyama, Tokyo.	2
1901	Chiga, Toranosuke	E.	Kumamoto-shi, Sannenzaka, M. E. Church	6
1873	Davison, John O.	P.E.	Kumamoto, 435 Shin-yashiki	5
1893	Fretz, Edwin H.	E.	Fukuoka, 77 Tenjin-cho	2
1882	Fulkerson, Epperson R.	E.	Nagasaki, 6 Higashi-yamate	11
1904	Harada, Tamezo	D.	Wakamatsu, M. E. Church	2
1898	Ichichi, Kuro	E.	Kokubu, M. E. Church	3
1904	Johanson, Johan	E.	West China	3
1898	Kawasaki, Noboru	D.	Boston, Mass., U.S.A., Boston University	
1891	Kawase, Kotaro	D.	Fukuoka-shi, 40 Tenjin-cho	5
1896	Kawasima, Suenoshin	D.	Nagasaki, 12D. Higashi-yamate	2
1879	Kosaka, Keinosuke	P.E.	Kokura, M. E. Church	5
1889	Murai, Kiso	E.	Okinawa-ken, Naka-kei, Keime M. E. Church	
1891	Nakamura, Tokutaro	E.	Kagoshima-shi, Yamashita-cho, Hirano- baba, M. E. Church	3
1882	Nakayama, Ohinjo	E.	Nagasaki, Ginya-machi, M. E. Church	7
1886	Otake, Tsunenari	E.	Koyanose, M. E. Church	1
1899	Rigby, Arch E.	E.	Nagasaki, Higashi-yamate, 12C	6
1893	Sasamori, Uichiro	E.	Nagasaki, 3, Higashi-yamate	14
1887	Schwartz, Henry B.	E.	Los Angeles, 1239 W. Jefferson St. California, U.S.A.	
	Scott, Francis N.	P.E.	Kagoshima-shi, 41 Kasuga-cho	3
1892	Tenda, Yoshito	E.	Kurume, Tamachi, 1 Yoshitake Masukata	4
1902	Watanabe, Suian	E.	Kumamoto-ken, Yamaga-machi, M. E. Church.	5
1897	Yoshioka, Seimei	E.	Seattle, Wash., U.S.A., Japanese Mission	2
1900	Wilson, John F.	E.	Kiukiang, China.	

NUMBER OF MEMBERS, 24.

PROBATIONERS.

1904	Eguchi, Atsuo	2nd Yr. Kagoshima-ken, Sendai, M. E. Church	3
1905	Oho, Tomiya	2nd Yr. Okinawa-ken, Naha-kei, Keime, M. E. Church	2
1904	Ten San-Si	2nd Yr. Central China	3
1904	Trindle, John E.	2nd Yr. Yang Chow, China	3
1904	Yang Teh-Yuin	2nd Yr. Central China	3

SUPPLIES.

Inouye, Chonen.	Fukuoka-ken, Seitake M. E. Church.
Narita, Yasufusa.	E. Kumamoto-ken Yatsushiro-machi, M. E. Church.

Committees.

STANDING :

BENEVOLENCES :—

S. Kawasima, Y. Tsuda, A. E. Rigby.

SELF-SUPPORT :—

T. Chiga, C. Nakayama, T. Nakamura, E. H. Fretz.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS :—

K. Murai, S. Watanabe, T. Harada.

EDUCATION AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE :—

U. Sasamori, T. Chiga, E. R. Fulkerson, E. H. Fretz.

MISSIONS (Redistribution) :—

Presiding Elders.

SPECIAL :

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REDISTRIBUTION :—

K. Kawase, T. Harada, T. Nakamura, T. Chiga.

TRANSLATION :—

U. Sasamori, E. H. Fretz.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISTIC WORK :—

S. Watanabe, K. Kosaka, K. Murai, K. Kawase,

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REPORTERS :—

K. Ichichi, T. Oho, E. R. Fulkerson, E. H. Fretz.

AUDITING THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS :—

J. C. Davison, C. Nakayama.

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES :—

In Japanese, S. Kawasima.

In English, A. E. Rigby.

CONFERENCE TRAVEL EXPENSES :—

T. Chiga, T. Nakamura.

VISITORS TO CHINZEI GAKUIN :—

K. Kawase, K. Kosaka.

FRATERNAL DELEGATES TO THE JAPAN CONFERENCE AND THE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH :—

A. D. BERRY, U. Sasamori.

TO REPORT TO GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON METHODIST UNION :—

E. R. Fulkerson.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM AND ENTERTAINMENT :—

The Presiding Elder of the Northern District, and the Pastor at Fukuoka and Hakata.

TO VISIT THE CHURCHES IN THE INTEREST OF SELF-SUPPORT :—

U. Sasamori; Alternate, J. M. Suganuma.

Special Appointments.

TO PREACH THE MISSIONARY SERMON :—

S. Kawasima; Alternate, K. Kawase.

TRIERS OF APPEALS :—

K. Kosaka, J. C. Davison, U. Sasamori, E. R. Fulkerson, T. Nakamura, Y. Tsuda, T. Otake.

Conference Boards.

EXAMINERS :—

J. C. Davison, H. B. Schwartz, U. Sasamori, C. Nakayama, E. R. Fulkerson, K. Kawase, A. E. Rigby, T. Nakamura, T. Chiga.

BOARD OF STEWARDS :—

J. C. Davison, K. Ichichi, K. Kawase, F. N. Scott, K. Kosaka.

Conference Societies.

CHURCH EXTENSION :—

PRES., K. KOSAKA ; SEC., C. NAKAYAMA ; TREAS., U. SASAMORI.

EDUCATION :—

PRES., A. E. RIGBY ; VICE-PRES., K. KAWASE ; SEC., K. ICHICHI ;
TREAS., A. D. BERRY.

HOME MISSIONS :—

PRES., C. NAKAYAMA ; SEC., K. KAWASIMA ; TREAS., K. KOSAKA.

PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY :—

PRES., U. SASAMORI ; SEC., T. NAKAMURA ; TREAS., A. D. BERRY.

COUNCILLORS—T. CHIGA, K. KOSAKA, K. KAWASE.

Special Boards, etc.

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF CHINZEI GAKUIN :—

Term Expires 1907 : A. E. Rigby, C. Nakayama.

Term Expires 1908 : T. Chiga, F. N. Scott.

Term Expires 1909 : U. Sasamori, E. R. Fulkerson.

Executive Committee ; E. R. Fulkerson, U. Sasamori, A. E. Rigby.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES :—

U. Sasamori, T. Chiga, K. Kosaka, T. Nakamura, J. C. Davison,
E. R. Fulkerson.

Alternates ; K. Kawase, S. Kawasima.

DELEGATES TO THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE :—

C. Nakayama, A. D. Berry, T. Nakamura.

MEMBER OF PUBLISHING COMMITTEE :—

A. D. Berry.

GOKYO COMMITTEE :—

A. D. Berry, T. Chiga.

JURIDICAL PERSON :—

Pres., U. Sasamori.

Sec., J. M. Suganuma.

Treas., E. R. Fulkerson.

Conference Officers.

Bishop M. C. Harris, D.D., LL.D., President.

A. E. Rigby, S. Kawasima, Secretaries.

A. D. Berry, Statistical Secretary and Treasurer.

K. Kawase, Assistant Statistical Secretary.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

NUMERICAL

	1905	1906
Members of Conference:—Missionaries ...	14	9
Japanese ...	14	15
Conference Probationers ...	8	5
„ Supplies ...	2	2
Missionaries of the W.F.M.S. ...	11	13
Church Members ...	1,010	1,138
Probationers ...	249	266
Baptisms:—Adults ...	165	213
Children ...	15	25
Sunday Schools ...	41	40
„ School Scholars ...	3,077	2,657
„ „ Officers and Teachers ...	155	140

FINANCIAL.

Church Building and Improvement	Yen 358.98	376.79
Old Indebtedness Paid ...	546.00	26.00
Pastoral Support ...	1,795.40	1,847.97
Current Expenses ...	417.65	555.02
Sunday School Expenses ...	138.14	123.98
Benevolent Collections ...	233.55	319.99
Other Collections ...	430.80	265.60
Increase:—Full Members,		128
Probationers ...		17
Pastoral Support ...	Yen 52.57	
Benevolent Collections	Yen 86.44	
Baptisms: Adults ...		48
Children ...		10

JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY.

Thursday, April 26th, 1906.

The Eighth Session of the South Japan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church opened in the Central Methodist Church, Nagasaki, Thursday morning, April 26th, at 9 o'clock, Bishop M. C. Harris, D.D., LL.D., presiding.

Hymn No. 145 was sung, the Old Testament lesson was read by T. Nakamura, the New Testament lesson by Dr. Y. Honda, followed by the singing of hymn No. 79. Bishop Harris, assisted by the Presiding Elders, administered the Communion. The Bishop then addressed the Conference, emphasizing the value of Christian home influences, and expressing the deep sympathy which we all felt with Brother A. D. Berry in the loss of his mother.

Roll Call:—The roll was called by the Secretary of the last Conference, A. E. Rigby, twenty members and probationers responding.

Transfers:—The following were announced by Bishop Harris as having been transferred from the Conference; H. B. Johnson, to the California Conference; G. H. Jones, W. B. McGill, D. A. Bunker, and E. D. Follwell, to the Korea Mission Conference.

Election of Officers:—The Conference proceeded to elect officers. A. E. Rigby was elected English Secretary; S. Kawasima, Japanese Secretary; A. D. Berry, Statistical Secretary and Treasurer, with K. Kawase, assistant.

Conference Bar:—On motion of C. Nakayama, the first five rows of seats were fixed as the Conference Bar.

Introductions:—Dr. Y. Honda of the Japan Conference, and Bro. Sunamoto of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, were introduced to the Conference.

Presentations:—K. Kosaka presented to the Conference a bound volume of the Gokyo, our Methodist paper, for last year, in behalf of the publishers. It was ordered to be kept by the Secretary for the Conference.

Committee:—K. Kosaka read the nominations for Standing Committees, which were elected.

BENEVOLENCES:—

S. Kawasima, Y. Tsuda, A. E. Rigby.

SELF-SUPPORT:—

T. Chiga, C. Nakayama, T. Nakamura, E. H. Fretz.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS:—

K. Murai, S. Watanabe, T. Harada.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS:—

K. Kosaka, K. Kawase, J. C. Davison, F. N. Scott.

EDUCATION AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE:—

U. Sasamori, T. Chiga, E. R. Fulkerson, E. H. Fretz.

MISSIONS (REDISTRIBUTION):—

The Presiding Elders.

Advisory Committee:—An Advisory Committee on Redistribution was voted, consisting of K. Kawase, T. Harada, T. Nakamura, T. Chiga.

Reports and Resolutions:—A. E. Rigby moved that all reports and resolutions be presented in both Japanese and English, and it was so ordered.

Translation Committee:—C. Nakayama moved the appointment of a translation committee of two; U. Sasamori and E. H. Fretz were appointed.

Evangelistic Work:—An advisory Committee on Evangelistic Work was appointed, consisting of S. Watanabe, K. Kosaka, K. Murai and K. Kawase.

Reporter:—A motion was carried to appoint as reporters to the Gokyo, K. Ichichi and T. Oho, and to the English papers E. R. Fulkerson, E. H. Fretz.

Program:—There being some changes necessary in the program as printed, it was voted, on motion of U. Sasamori, that the program for each

day be considered. This was done, and minor changes were made except in the program for Friday, it being decided to adjourn the regular morning session of that day, to attend a reception at Michinoo, the Committees to prepare their reports, ready for Saturday.

Invitation :—The Secretary read an invitation from Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Suganuma, inviting the members of the Conference to a reception at their home Saturday evening, April 28th. On motion of K. Kosaka this invitation was accepted with thanks.

Reports :—J. C. Davison was called, his character passed, and he read his report as Presiding Elder of the Central District. (See Reports.)

T. Chiga and S. Watanabe were called, their characters passed, and the reports of the number of baptisms and amount of Missionary collections given (in the case of Bro. Chiga who was unavoidably detained, the Presiding Elder gave his report.)

K. Kosaka was called, his character passed, and he reported as Presiding Elder of the Northern District. (See Reports.)

T. Otake was called and he reported baptisms and Missionary collection.

F. N. Scott was called, his character passed, and he reported for the Southern District. (See Reports.)

T. Nakamura, T. Ichichi, and K. Murai were passed in character and each reported.

J. C. Davison presented the Presiding Elder's report for the Western District. (See Reports.)

The following Elders were passed in character: K. Kawase, Y. Tsuda, C. Nakayama, E. R. Fulkerson, U. Sasamori, A. E. Rigby, S. Yoshioka, A. D. Berry, J. Johanson, J. F. Wilson, H. B. Schwartz, a letter from the last named being read by the Secretary.

Adjournment :—Announcements were made, the Doxology was sung, and Dr. Honda pronounced the Benediction.

STATISTICAL SESSION.

The Conference met in Statistical Session at 2 o'clock p.m., with C. Nakayama in the chair. The reports on finances were taken.

SECOND DAY.

Saturday, April 28th.

Opening:—The Conference met for a devotional meeting, led by A. Eguchi, at 8.30 a.m.

At 9 o'clock the business session was opened by the Bishop. The Minutes of Thursday's session were read and approved, both English and Japanese.

Expression of Sympathy:—K. Kosaka spoke of Bro. A. D. Berry's loss of his mother, and moved that, in sympathy with him, we have a short devotional service. Hymn No. 165 was sung, and the Bishop called on Bro. Kosaka to offer prayer.

Letter:—K. Murai spoke of the disastrous earthquake in San Francisco, where Rev. H. B. Johnson is located, and moved that a letter be sent from this Conference to Bro. Johnson, expressing our sympathy for the suffering ones there, the Secretary to write the letter.

The Fifth Question:—Who have been continued on trial? T. Oho was called, his examinations reported, and on motion of his Presiding Elder, he was advanced to the Studies of the Second Year.

The names of John R. Trindle, Den San-Si, and Yang Teh-Yuin were called, and it was stated that they had sent statements from their Presiding Elders of studies passed. It was voted to advance them to Studies of the Second Year.

Tamezo Harada was reported as having passed all the Studies of the Second Year, and eligible to Deacon's orders. He was called before the Conference, a hymn was sung, prayer offered by T. Nakamura and E. H. Fretz. Bishop Harris then asked the Disciplinary Questions, and gave an address of exhortation. On motion of his Presiding Elder, Mr. Harada was advanced to the Third Year Studies, admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's orders.

A. Eguchi was continued in Studies of the Second Year.

The Eighth Question:—The name of John F. Wilson was called and he was continued in Third Year Studies.

The Ninth Question:—The examination grades of S. Kawasima were read, and on motion of his Presiding Elder, he was advanced to the Studies of the Fourth Year.

The Tenth Question :—S. Watanabe was called, he reported, his grades were read, and on motion of his Presiding Elder, J. C. Davison, he was graduated from the Course of Study and elected to Elder's orders.

Book Concern Draft :—Bishop Harris announced the receipt of a Book Concern Draft of \$219. On motion of A. E. Rigby this was ordered made payable to the Conference Treasurer.

The Sixth Question :—Who have been discontinued? It was announced that Fung Si-Jin had been discontinued.

District Conference Records :—The report of this Committee was read. (See Reports.)

Auditing Committee :—On motion of E. R. Fulkerson a committee was ordered to audit the Treasurer's accounts. J. C. Davison, C. Nakayama appointed.

Visitors to Chinzei Gakuin :—K. Kosaka moved that a committee of Conference visitors to Chinzei Gakuin be appointed, and K. Kawase and K. Kosaka were appointed.

Conference Travel :—K. Kosaka moved that a committee be appointed to examine into the expenses of Conference travel, and it was carried. T. Chiga and T. Nakamura were appointed.

Publishing the Minutes :—The Secretaries were appointed to publish the Minutes.

Fraternal Delegate :—A motion made by K. Kosaka was carried, to appoint a visitor to the Japan Conference next year.

Report :—T. Chiga reported on the publishing of the Japanese Minutes last year.

Gokyo Report :—K. Kawasima read the report of the Gokyo, which was discussed. (See Reports.)

Constitution of Chinzei Gakuin :—Dr. U. Sasamori read the report of the Committee appointed last year to prepare a Constitution for Chinzei Gakuin. This report was adopted, and it being reported that the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society had approved (having amended

the original draft by ordering the elimination of the part referring to the Theological Department), the Conference proceeded to elect a Board of Managers. (See Constitution.)

The following were elected :

Term of office to expire in 1907,

A. E. RIGBY, C. NAKAYAMA.

Term to expire in 1908,

T. CHIGA, F. N. SCOTT.

Term to expire in 1909,

U. SASAMORI, E. R. FULKERSON.

Methodist Union :—U. Sasamori presented the following resolution, which was adopted with but one dissenting vote :—

Whereas, We have heard with great pleasure of the action of the Commissioners of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South in providing for the organization of an independent Methodist Church in Japan, therefore,

Resolved, That we express our very high appreciation of this liberal action on the part of the churches that have done so much in making us what we are.

Resolved, That we heartily approve the organization of a church strong in its Episcopal feature.

Resolved, That the Commissioners be requested to make at least one more effort to induce the Canadian Methodist Church to join the Union.

Signed by E. R. FULKERSON,

U. SASAMORI, and others.

Evangelistic Work :—The advisory Committee on Evangelistic Work reported through S. Watanabe, and the report was approved. (See Reports.)

An auxiliary report on Loo Choo was presented by U. Sasamori, the work there represented by K. Murai and T. Nakamura and the report adopted. (See Reports.)

Publishing House :—A. D. Berry presented the report of the Publishing House, which was read by S. Kawasima. (See Reports.)

Bro. Berry then spoke briefly on the prospects of the Publishing House. A. E. Rigby nominated A. D. Berry as a member of the Publishing Committee to represent this Conference, and he was elected.

Address :—Dr. Y. Honda was asked to address the Conference, which he did, urging that we pray for wisdom to be given the Commissions on Methodist Union that some common ground may be found not only for the two Episcopal Methodisms, but to include the three Methodist bodies.

Extension of Time :—The time for adjournment having come, it was voted to extend the time fifteen minutes.

Loo Choo :—U. Sasamori presented a resolution on the work in Loo-Choo, which was adopted. (See Reports.)

Report :—T. Chiga reported for the Visitors to Chinzei Gakuin. (See Reports.)

Dr. Honda :—On motion of C. Nakayama, Brother K. Kosaka spoke a few words of greeting to Dr. Honda, voicing our appreciation of his visit and of his public addresses.

Adjournment :—The notices were given, and after the singing of the Doxology, the Conference adjourned, Dr. Honda pronouncing the Benediction.

THIRD DAY.

Monday, April 30th.

Opening :—T. Oho led the morning devotional exercises, beginning at 8.30. At 9 o'clock, Bishop Harris took the chair. The Minutes of Saturday, English and Japanese, were read and approved.

Fraternal Delegates :—It was voted that two Fraternal Delegates, one Japanese and one Missionary, be appointed by the Bishop, to visit the next session of the Japan Conference.

Benevolences :—S. Kawasima read the report of the Committee on Benevolences. (See Reports.)

Self-Support :—The report of the Committee on Self-Support was read by C. Nakayama. After some discussion, the last clause, which had called for a committee of two, was modified to provide for a committee of one. (See Report.) The election of this committee was ordered to be by ballot, the one receiving the second highest vote to be substitute. U. Sasamori was elected. There being a tie on the second highest, it was decided that a layman be made substitute. J. M. Suganuma was chosen.

Board of Stewards:—On motion of A. E. Rigby, the Board of Stewards was made to consist of J. C. Davison, K. Ichichi, K. Kawase, F. N. Scott, K. Kosaka.

Introductions:—S. Kihara, in charge of the Japanese work in Korea, member of the Japan Conference, was introduced and spoke briefly. K. Kosaka requested that C. Nakayama reply to Bro. Kihara, which he did, expressing our sympathy and interest in his work.

On motion of K. Kosaka, the Conference decided to undertake the raising of the 270 yen asked for the work in Korea for the coming year.

Fraternal Letter:—K. Kawasima read a letter of greeting from a Committee of the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, W. A. Wilson and N. Yonegahara. The Committee which had been appointed to visit the Japan Conference was instructed to visit the Conference of our sister church or to reply to the letter of greeting.

The 30th Question:—Where shall the next Conference be held? J. C. Davison placed in nomination Fukuoka, which was chosen.

Central Conference:—A. E. Rigby moved that we proceed to elect delegates to the Central Conference, which is to meet in Fukuoka in 1907. Carried.

It was announced that, the ratio being one in four, we are entitled to six delegates, of whom at least two must be missionaries. The following was adopted; that we elect four Japanese and two Missionary delegates, and two Japanese and one Missionary alternates.

Women's Conference:—The time having arrived for meeting the Women's Conference, a motion was carried that the election of delegates be the order immediately on conclusion of report from the Women's Conference.

Introductions:—Rev. H. H. Lowry, President of Peking University, was introduced and spoke briefly of the important work of Japan in Korea. Mrs. Lowry was also introduced, and Amos P. Wilder, U. S. Consul-General at Hongkong. The latter spoke a few words, expressing his interest in the Christian work of the world.

The Women's Conference:—The Women's Conference came in a body, and presented the report of their work through Miss Mariann Young. (See Report.)

J. C. Davison moved that we receive this report, and thank the ladies for preparing the same.

Invitation :—An invitation was read from Miss Young, President of Kwassui Jo Gakko, inviting the Conference to attend the chapel exercises of that school to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

A similar invitation was given for Chinzei Gakuin at 10.15 o'clock.

K. Kosaka moved that all members of Conference be urged to visit both of the schools before leaving.

Second Session :- It was voted to have an evening session at 7.30.

Central Conference :—The regular order was again taken up, and the election of delegates to the Central Conference was ordered by ballot, the four Japanese and two Missionaries receiving the highest number of votes to be regular delegates, the two Japanese and one Missionary receiving the next highest number to be alternates, provided in each case a majority of the votes cast be received.

First Ballot, U. Sasamori, 16 ; T. Chiga, 15 ; J. C. Davison, 15 ; E. R. Fulkerson, 14 ; These were declared elected. Three having received 14 votes each, K. Kawase, K. Kosaka, and T. Nakamura, another ballot was ordered to determine which two should be regular delegates, resulting in the election of K. Kosaka and T. Nakamura, leaving K. Kawase as alternate, with S. Kawasima, who had received 13 votes. Missionary alternates, F. N. Scott and A. E. Rigby having each 9 votes, it was decided by lot in favor of F. N. Scott.

It was voted to extend the time.

Adjournment :—The Doxology was sung, and Bishop Harris pronounced the Benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

Opening:—Bishop Harris took the chair at 7.30 o'clock, and led a short devotional service. The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Official Minutes:—On motion of J. C. Davison, the English Minutes were declared to be the Official Minutes of the Conference.

Evangelical Alliance :—U. Sasamori spoke of the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance, to begin in Tokyo this week, and moved that we elect as delegates C. Nakayama, A. D. Berry, and T. Nakamura. This was done.

Conference Relations :—The committee recommended that we ask for K. Kawasaki to be left without appointment to attend school in Boston. Carried.

The Sixth Question :—Isaku Matsumoto was discontinued.

Education and Christian Literature :—T. Chiga read the report of this Committee which included the report of the Principal of Chinzei Gakuin. The report was discussed, and T. Chiga moved that our representative on the Publishing Committee, A. D. Berry, be instructed to urge the necessity of printing Theological books suitable for use in the Conference Course. Carried.

A motion made by U. Sasamori was adopted, electing A. D. Berry and T. Chiga to represent us on the Gokyo.

Methodist Union :—On motion of U. Sasamori, E. R. Fulkerson was appointed to send our resolution and a letter to the General Conference Committee on Methodist Union.

Course of Study :—T. Chiga reported on the Conference Course of Study, and after some discussion the report was adopted. (See Course of Study.)

Board of Stewards :—K. Kawase reported the recommendations of the Board of Stewards, which were adopted. (See Report.)

Triers of Appeals :—The Triers of Appeals were elected as follows: K. Kosaka, J. C. Davison, U. Sasamori, E. R. Fulkerson, T. Nakamura, Y. Tsuda, T. Otake.

Fraternal Delegates :—The fraternal delegates to the Japan Conference were announced, A. D. Berry and U. Sasamori.

Bishop Harris called Dr. Sasamori to the chair, while he attended a Cabinet meeting.

Conference Program :—T. Chiga moved that we instruct the Conference Program Committee for next year to plan for a two days' meeting for religious study and lectures immediately preceding Conference. This was carried, and the following subjects and speakers selected as a part of the program: The Atonement, U. Sasamori; How to lead business men to Christ, C. Nakayama; The Messiahship of Jesus, S. Kawasima.

Juridical Person :—The Committee appointed last year to form a Conference Juridical Person reported that this had been done and some of the property turned over. The names of the officers of the Shadan were given. (See officers.)

Auditing Committee :—C. Nakayama reported that the Treasurer's accounts had been audited and found correct.

Conference Societies :—The reports of the officers elected by the Conference Societies were given and adopted. (See list of officers.)

Bishop Harris again took the chair.

Memorial :—A memorial from the Western District Conference was read, concerning the amount raised for the Presiding Elder. After some discussion it was decided that the Conference endeavor to raise 60 yen for the Presiding Elder during the year, on the basis of the self-support.

Redistribution :—The Committee on Redistribution was instructed to present their report to the Secretaries for publication in the Minutes. (See Reports.)

Korean Work :—C. Nakayama spoke of the increase asked for the Japanese work in Korea, and urged the importance of raising the full amount of 270 yen. He took subscriptions from the pastors present, securing pledges to the amount of 52 yen. Previous pledges of 100 yen were announced.

Resolutions :—E. R. Fulkerson and U. Sasamori read resolutions of appreciation of the work of the Bishop, the Secretaries of the Conference, and the Church that had entertained the Conference. These were adopted.

Adjournment :—A. E. Rigby moved that, after the reading of the minutes and the appointments, the Conference adjourn *sine die*. Carried. The minutes were read, Hymn 168 was sung, E. R. Fulkerson and T. Nakamura led in Prayer, Bishop Harris addressed the Conference, read the appointments, and pronounced the Benediction.

M. C. Harris,

President.

A. E. Rigby.

Secretary.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This certifies that, on the 29th day of April, 1906, in the Central Methodist Church, Nagasaki, Japan, under the election of the South Japan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I ordained Tamezo Harada as Deacon: and, assisted by Elders, I ordained Suian Watanabe as Elder.

Signed,

M. L. Harris,

Presiding Bishop.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1.—Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?
—None.

2.—Who have been Readmitted?—None.

3.—Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?
—None.

4.—Who have been Received on Trial?—None.

5.—Who have been Continued on Trial?

(b).—In Studies of Second Year.

TOMIYA OHO.

JOHN R. TRINDLE.

DEN SAN-SI.

YANG TEH-YUIN.

ATSUO EGUCHI.

6.—Who have been Discontinued?

FUNG SI-JIN.

ISAKU MATSUMOTO.

7.—Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?

(a).—Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.

TAMEZO HARADA.

8.—What Members are in Studies of Third Year?

(a).—Admitted into Full Membership this year?

TAMEZO HARADA.

(b).—Admitted into Full Membership previously.

JOHN F. WILSON.

9.—What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?

SUENOSHIN KAWASIMA.

10.—What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?

(b).—Elected and Ordained Elders this year.

SUIAN WATANABE.

11.—What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?—*None.*

12.—What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?—*None.*

13.—Was the Character of each Preacher examined?—*Yes.*

14.—Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?

HERBERT B. JOHNSON to California Conference; GEORGE
HEBER JONES, DALZELL A. BUNKER, EDWARD D.
FOLLWELL, WM. B. MCGILL to Korea Mission
Conference.

15.—Who have Died?—*None.*

16.—Who have been Located at their own Request?—*None.*

17.—Who have been Located?—*None.*

18.—Who have Withdrawn?—*None.*

19.—Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?—*None.*

20.—Who have been Expelled?—*None.*

21.—What other personal Notation should be made?—*None.*

22.—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?—*None.*

23.—Who are the Superannuated Preachers?—*None.*

24.—Who are the Triers of Appeals?

K. KOSAKA, J. C. DAVISON, U. SASAMORI, E. R.
FULKERSON, T. NAKAMURA, Y. TSUDA, T. OTAKE.

25.—What is the Statistical Report for this year?

See Statistics.

26.—What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?—Yen 319.99

27.—What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?—Yen 518.

28.—What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?—Yen 518; See Board of Stewards' Report.

29.—Where are the Preachers Stationed?

See Appointments.

30.—Where shall the Next Conference be held?

FUKUOKA.

APPOINTMENTS OF SOUTH JAPAN CONFERENCE.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

J. C. Davison, Presiding Elder, residence Kumamoto.

Hitoyoshi and Aso	...	...	...	To be supplied.
Kumamoto	...	...	...	T. Chiga.
Kurume and Tashiro	...	...	...	Y. Tsuda.
Omuta and Setaka	...	...	...	Supplied by C. Inouye.
Uto Circuit	...	...	...	To be supplied.
Yamaga and Waifu	...	...	...	S. Watanabe.
Yamagawa and Okawa	...	...	...	To be supplied.
Yatsushiro	...	...	...	Supplied by S. Narita.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

K. Kosaka, Presiding Elder, residence Kokura.

Fukuoka and Hakata	...	...	...	K. Kawase.
" " "	Resident Missionary			E. H. Fretz.
Koga and Fukuma	...	...	...	To be supplied.
Koyanose and Nogata	...	...	...	T. Otake.
Moji and Kokura	...	...	...	K. Kosaka.
Wakamatsu and Nagata	...	...	...	T. Harada.
A. D. Berry, Professor in Aoyama Shin Gakko (Theological School), Member of Moji quarterly conference.				

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

F. N. Scott, Presiding Elder, residence Kagoshima.

Kagoshima	...	...	...	T. Nakamura.
Kajiki	...	...	...	To be supplied.
Kokubu Circuit	...	...	...	K. Ichichi.
Okinawa (Loo Choo), Missionary in Charge	H. B. Schwartz.			
Naha Circuit	...	...	...	K. Murai.
Assistant, T. Obo.				
Sendai and Kushikino	...	...	...	A. Eguchi.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder, to be supplied by J. C. Davison.

Nagasaki :—

Central Church C. Nakayama.

Wesley Church and Professor in

Chinzei Gakuin S. Kawasima.

Bungo-machi Mission Circuit ... To be supplied from
Wesley Church.

Omura and Isahaya Supplied by U. Sasamori.

U. Sasamori, President, E. R. Fulkerson, Dean of the College and
Principal of the Academy, A. E. Rigby, Professor, in Chinzei
Gakuin, all members of Wesley Quarterly Conference.

M. K. Heicher, Professor in Chinzei Gakuin.

K. Kawasaki, left without appointment to attend school in Boston.

S. Yoshioka, Pacific Japanese Mission, Seattle, Washington.

J. F. Wilson, J. R. Trindle, Missionaries in Central China.

J. Johanson, Ten San-Si, Yang Teh-Yuin, Missionaries in West
China.

To preach the Missionary Sermon, S. Kawasima; alternate,
K. Kawase.

APPOINTMENTS—SOUTH JAPAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

I.—EVANGELISTIC WORK.

NORTH KYUSHU DISTRICT:

Leonora M. Seeds, Superintendent (Residence, Fukuoka).

SOUTH KYUSHU DISTRICT :—

Lida B. Smith, Superintendent (Residence, Kagoshima).

Jean M. Gheer, Hortense Long.

KUMAMOTO :—

Two ladies to be supplied.

FORMOSA.

II.—EDUCATIONAL WORK.

EIWA JO GAKKO, FUKUOKA.

Mabel K. Seeds, Principal ; Alice Finlay.

KWASSUI JO GAKKO, NAGASAKI.

Mariana Young, President.

Elizabeth Russell,

Lola M. Kidwell.

Mary E. Melton, Biblical Department.

Hettie A. Thomas.

Mabel W. Davison.

Mary A. Cody.

DIRECTING FACULTY.

Elizabeth Russell, Chairman.

Mariana Young,

Mabel K. Seeds,

Lola M. Kidwell,

Alice Finlay,

Mary E. Melton,

Hettie A. Thomas,

Mabel W. Davison,

Mary A. Cody.

KWASSUI JO-EN (Children's Home), Omura.

Elizabeth Russell, Superintendent.

KYUSHU CENTRAL DISTRICT.

J. C. DAVISON, Presiding Elder.

Surely this should be a conference of thanksgiving from first to last, for what has not God wrought for the land in which we live and labour! At the time of our meeting a year ago the fate of the nation was still in the balance, but the evidence of an overruling Providence was then so clear that few if any could doubt the final issue and that evidence was no less conspicuous in the wisdom vouchsafed in the council chamber where peace was concluded, than in every battle on land and at sea. No nation in the flush of unprecedented victory was ever more signally preserved from over reaching than was Japan when she calmly but resolutely faced a seemingly plausible but ill considered popular demand for the harshest terms of peace, thereby furnishing an example of magnanimity well worthy of imitation by the most civilized nations calling themselves Christian.

The Church of Christ though still in its infancy here has just cause to be proud of its record of helpfulness in ministering to the comfort of the needy both at the seat of war, and in the hospitals at home; but rather than complacently resting on her laurels thus won, let her now bestir herself to meet the ever widening responsibilities growing out of the position God has graciously accorded to Japan among the other nations of the world.

No sane man can fail to recognize that God has not brought this nation to her present state for naught. A crowning destiny surely awaits her, and in this the Church of Christ will not fail to share provided she rises to the plane of consecration and self sacrifice necessary at this hour. Thousands of men now look upon the great problems of life with other eyes than before the war, and it remains for the Christian Church to help them realize the higher ideals of Christian faith and duty.

During the past year, in addition to the work of my own District, I have had charge also of the Kyushu West District and, by request of Bishop Harris, made a visit to the Churches in Satsuma and Okinawa, covering a period of twenty three days, and through it all God has favored me with health and strength sufficient for the task.

The general condition of the work is much the same as it was a year ago. No change has occurred in our force of Japanese workers, and, in spite of the high prices for the necessities of life consequent upon the war, I know of but one case where the pastor has failed in securing the full allowance promised by his church last year, while for the coming year there is a slight advance to be recorded on this item.

The aggregate number of baptisms as well as the benevolent collections will be found to be somewhat in advance of what they were in our last report.

At Kumamoto, Bro. Chiga has had less demand upon his time for the hospital visitations so urgent while the war was on, but this does not mean that he has slackened his pace or wasted opportunities requiring full service. His out stations at Uto, Hitoyoshi and Aso involve a considerable outlay of both time and strength.

At Aso quite an interesting work has developed through the efforts of Bro. Kawase, a member of our Church in Kumamoto, who went there on duty last year. Several teachers of the schools there have already been baptized and others are greatly interested in the study of Christianity. The Church has now 104 full members, 29 probationers, and 25 inquirers.

There have been 12 adult and 2 infant baptisms. The church has also advanced one yen per month on the pastor's salary, viz., from 9 yen to 10 yen per month.

The church and parsonage have been repaired to the extent of 63.23 yen since last Conference. Both buildings are still insured. In common with the other Churches in the city our own people were most zealous in promoting the cause of Famine Relief, and a sum of nearly *Seven hundred* yen was sent forward as the result of two concerts at which about 5,000 people showed their sympathy for a benevolent cause.

The congregations on Sunday have been encouraging, with occasional interruptions on account of the return of troops from the war.

At Yamaga and Waifu, Bro. Watanabe, though in poor health part of the time, has been quite encouraged especially at Yamaga where he resides and where he has been reinforced by the coming of Mrs. Takamori as a second Bible woman on the circuit.

There are at present 27 members, 19 probationers, and 43 inquirers with 7 adult baptisms. Yen 2.35 per month have been pledged as pastoral support for the coming year.

The benevolent collections remain the same.

Our District Conference was held at Yamaga, March 19-20, when the licenses of *one* local preacher and *two* exhorters were renewed. Bro. Inouye was examined and passed in the studies of 3rd year of the Local Preachers Course.

At Kutami and Waifu the prospect is not so bright owing to the inability of the pastor to give the requisite attention to the work.

The Bible woman, Miss Takamatsu, still makes Waifu the head quarters of her work.

On the *Omuta Circuit*, Bro. Inouye has three appointments which constitute a hard field of labor. Yanagawa is old ground but he can do little more than provide for the needs of a Sunday School there.

Setaka is a section chiefly devoted to the manufacture of saké and hence a hard community to influence religiously.

Omuta is the centre of the great Miike coal industry, where we have a comfortable little church but a weak following. The District Conference voted to recommend the removal of the pastor from Setaka to Omuta. It should be done as soon as a suitable house can be found.

There are now 67 full members; 5 probationers and 26 inquirers enrolled. There have been 8 adults and 2 children baptized during the year, and through the liberality of Dr. Tanaka the church has continued its pledge of 6.50 per month on self support.

The Bible woman at Omuta, Miss Kinugasa, visits Kurume in addition to her work on the Omuta Circuit.

At Yatsushiro, Bro. Narita and his people were sadly disappointed in not getting the grant asked for a church and lot last fall. This is an urgent necessity at this place. Yatsushiro is the only point on the District where the Bible woman can play the church organ and the effect is plainly seen in the way the children sing the hymns of the church. The last Christmas exercises of the Sunday School were equal to any I have seen in any of the larger churches, owing in great measure to the efforts of Miss Matsunobu and other teachers in the school.

The church has 23 full members, 3 Probationers, and 32 inquirers. *Two* (2) adults have been baptized and Yen 1.15 per month pledged as self support.

Kagami is still the only outstation on the charge.

J. C. DAVISON, Presiding Elder.

April, 1906.

NORTH KYUSHU DISTRICT.

K. KOSAKA, Presiding Elder.

1. *Hakata* :—The preaching place in Hakata was moved last year to a partly foreign styled house. This has been very convenient as a place of worship. We have five Sunday Schools in the city, with 220 scholars. The people of Hakata are very conservative, so I think the best way to reach them is to teach the children in the Sunday School. Through the earnest efforts of the pastor, Bro. Otake, there were some conversions and baptisms during the year.

2. *Wakamatsu* :—Since the appointment of Bro. Harada last Conference to Wakamatsu, the condition of the church has been very good, and the evangelistic work outside the church has been hopeful. There are a few ladies in Yedamichi who are Christians, and every week Mrs. Saruda goes there to visit. Yedamichi used to be a preaching place connected with Wakamatsu Church. This place is growing fast now on account of the iron works there, and I think it very important that we should have a regular preaching place there again.

3. *Moji* :—We bought a lot in Moji, 200 feet square, and expect to have a church building here before long. A good parsonage was built in August of last year, which was dedicated by Bishop Harris on his way from Korea. This parsonage is now used as a preaching place. The congregations in our Sunday services are increasing.

4. *Kokura* :—We have here a few good, strong Christians. They are supporting the Church liberally, and we shall soon have a strong foundation for a church. There is a great opportunity to lead soldiers to

Christ. We organized an Association among them, and every Sunday afternoon they come together to study the Bible. I have great hope in this work.

5. *Nogata, Koyanose, Ueki*:—These are preaching places, and we have more than ten members. All wish to have a resident pastor for the circuit. I feel that we should, if possible, spare some man to take charge of this work.

6. *Koga*:—Our evangelistic work at this point is prospering, though the Kwassui Orphanage has been removed to Omura.

REPORT OF SOUTH KYUSHU DISTRICT.

F. N. SCOTT, Presiding Elder.

After an unusually trying summer, consequent upon the very serious sickness of our little girl, I came to Kagoshima with fear and trembling at the name and responsibilities of a Presiding Elder at the end of a year and a half in Japan. However, the royal welcome from the people, the considerate kindness of the pastors, the very unusual friendliness of the officials, and the fine air of Kagoshima have all tended to bring us to the place where we can "thank God and take courage."

The latter part of November, Dr. J. C. Davison came to the district, as agreed upon by Bishop Harris, and we made the first round together. It is needless to say that his long experience in the work, and his thorough knowledge of the situation constituted him an ideal man to initiate a beginner. This was especially true, since he had been over all this territory many years ago. Since he left us in December, we have managed, by means of gestures, English, and Japanese, to understand each other some way.

The District changes but little, and, as is the case with all other denominations in this locality, we seem to have little effect upon the Satsuma people, who are, it is generally conceded, the most conservative, and at the same time, the least inclined toward things religious of all the people in Japan. But, we are holding our own, and working in the belief that some day, this birthplace of soldiers and statesmen will yet

raise up a Japanese John Wesley who will set all Japan on fire for Jesus Christ. Meanwhile with great gratitude we record over 50 baptisms for this year.

At *Sendai* Bro. Eguchi has worked earnestly and faithfully, but with the meager results characteristic of that place. However, the coming to the Middle School of an earnest Christian teacher, and the presence of his efficient wife have done much to remove the settled opposition heretofore encountered. On my last visit I spoke to the students, taught the teachers of English for an hour, and was afterwards entertained at a dinner by seven of the teachers, including the Principal. They wish me to come once a month. Bro. Eguchi has gone regularly to both *Akune* and *Kushikino*, the one North, and the other South of *Sendai*.

At *Kokubu* the fine new church, completed by Bro. Schwartz before his return to America, has been a constant source of inspiration to both pastor and people. It is an ideal church for a country charge. It consists of one large audience-room of 20 mats, and two smaller rooms which add 12 more mats when needed. Bro. Ijichi has recently purchased a bicycle, and on this he goes to several neighboring villages. There being no one but the pastor and his wife to teach in a Sunday School of about 50 or 60 children, Miss Gheer has recently sent a helper in the shape of Mrs. Matsumoto. The results here have not been great, but I think it is important to hold these railroad towns, eventually connecting with the Central District.

Kagoshima has had a good year. Bro. Nakamura is popular alike with members and outsiders, and his wife is abundant in her labors. There is also at present a numerous force of Bible-women who are doing efficient work under the able superintendency of Miss Smith, who has charge of the City work. Miss Gheer not only looks after the work of a large district, but is ever ready to do all she can in helping the work in the city. Miss Long arrived in October, and received a cordial welcome, not only from her Aunt, Miss Smith, but also from the whole church. She has done much to improve the church music, and has used her violin to good effect. We are all rejoiced at the return of Dr. Murata, who is now in charge of the City Hospital. We are not reaching the students as I wish we were, but this will be at least partially corrected when we have

a Mission House in the proper location. At present we are too far away for them to come to the house.

Loo Choo is our most promising field. The principal work is in Naha, from which point we are trying to branch out into the interior. Early in the year it was deemed best to give up the services at Shuri, the pastor of the Episcopal church having gone there to live. Bro. Murai's health not being of the best in that climate, Bro. Obo, a tireless worker with a strong body, not only materially assists with the work in Naha, but also makes regular trips into the interior. This means carrying your own bedding and food, sleeping on the floor, usually without the ordinary mats, and walking a distance of 5 or 6 miles beyond the point where a "jinrikisha" can go. It is hard, but worth while. I think I never saw more earnest Christians. They seemed overjoyed at our coming, and when we left, they "accompanied us on our way" for some little distance. Just now it is the sugar season, and they can meet for Bible-study only 2 or 3 evenings a week, but before that they met every night in the week. It was only 3 months after my first visit that I went again, and this time there were 8 earnest intelligent people waiting for baptism, and that with preaching service only once a month. They had a petition already drawn up asking to be constituted a separate church, and have regular services. They are all natives of the Islands, I think. There seems to be no other religion in Okinawa, at least not to speak of, so they welcome Christianity. It seemed like early Methodist history, such was their greed for teaching, and their joy in the meetings. At Naha the interest is good. Bro. Murai is now the happy possessor of an immense "Baritone" horn, and this welcome addition to his orchestra wakes the echoes for many a block. The Sunday of our last visit they marched the streets advertising the meeting, and in the evening not only the church, but the whole yard was full of people. The church has an especially efficient Bible-woman, and an assistant.

With thanks to God for his goodness in letting me do even a little, and for the unfailing kindness of the pastors, who refused to ridicule that little, I close my first attempt at a report as Presiding Elder.

F. N. SCOTT.

Kagoshima, April 18th, 1906.

KYUSHU WEST DISTRICT.

J. C. DAVISON, Acting Presiding Elder.

There are now five quarterly conferences on the Kyushu West District with an aggregate of 728 full members, practically about two-thirds of the entire Conference. This is owing to the fact that all our Educational work is within the bounds of this District.

At *Fukuoka*, the most northerly point, Bro. Kawase has cause to rejoice over the actual condition as well as the future prospects of his work. One chief embarrassment lies in the fact that his congregation is outgrowing the seating capacity of his church. The new parsonage has been worth more than a policy of Life Insurance to the pastor and his family.

There have been 55 adults and 2 children baptized. The present number of full members is 190, probationers 3 and inquirers 25. Self support will stand at 16 yen per month, being an advance of one yen over last year.

This Church has also been most earnest and liberal in sending help to the famine district in the North.

Bro. Fretz, our resident missionary is working away faithfully at the language and at the same time keeps up his regular work of Bible study with the students and teachers from the various schools in the city. Mrs. Fretz has a fine class in foreign cooking and fruit is already in hand as a result of the religious instruction accompanying each lesson.

Miss Seeds in charge of the girls' school was well re-enforced by the arrival, in September last, of Miss Alice Finlay who relieved Miss Thomas to return to her work in Nagasaki. This school is steadily growing in numbers and influence. It is a beacon light of Christian Education with no uncertain gleam. In addition to their work in the school these ladies have charge of the Bible women's work in the northern part of the island.

Kurume is an hour by rail from *Fukuoka*, coming south. For want of men our work here was abandoned for a time but re-opened by Bro. Tsuda two and a half years ago.

During the past year Bro. Tsuda has baptized 11 adults and 2 children. He now reports a membership of 30 besides 14 probationers and 12 inquirers, which is quite encouraging for a man who has been sick much of the time.

This church also took an active part in raising funds for the famine stricken people in the north.

Self support will stand at 1.50 per month, an advance of 50 sen per month over last year.

Omura has had regular fortnightly preaching by Dr. Sasamori of Chinzei Gakuin and other workers from Nagasaki, but it should now be supplied every week if possible.

Several new members have been added by the transfer of Miss Russell's Orphanage from Koga. This institution was formally re-dedicated at the close of the District Conference on March 29, as the *Kwassui Jo En* (Children's Home).

The weather was not propitious, nor the roads in racing condition, but a goodly number of the chief residents of the town found their way to the service in response to Miss Russell's invitation, thus showing their interest in her benevolent undertaking. Dr. and Mr. Suganuma were also present from Nagasaki to add their words of congratulation and encouragement.

The District Conference which was held at Omura, March 28-29, adopted a resolution requesting Bishop Harris to send a regular conference man to this work if possible.

Two candidates were licensed as local preachers and the licenses of four local preachers and two exhorters were renewed. The church now has 36 full members, 18 probationers, and 8 inquirers. Five adults and three children have been baptized. One yen per month was voted as Self-support.

Central Church, Nagasaki, in which the Conference is being entertained, will continue its status of full pastoral support. The loss, however, of Judge Miyakoshi and Mrs. Oshima—both liberal contributors to the fund—will be sorely felt by all.

The pastor, Bro. Nakayama, has suffered more or less from delicate health during the year. In addition to the care of his church, he has assisted in the instruction of the class of theological students in Chinzei Gakuin. There are now 102 full members, 28 probationers, and 25 inquirers on the church records. Seventeen adults and seven children have been baptized during the year.

Special concerts in aid of the "Famine Fund" were recently held in the church. Its location makes it well adapted for special lectures and other meetings in the city.

Wesley Church, Nagasaki, is both numerically and financially the strongest church in the Conference, and being composed chiefly of the students and teachers of our schools in Nagasaki its pulpit demands the most energetic and discriminating work of any church in the Conference. The present pastor, Bro. Kawasima, has wrought nobly during the past year, preaching regularly twice each Sunday in the church and again at Bungo Machi at night, besides teaching a Bible class at the latter place before the evening service. He has also lent a hand in the work of theological training in Chinzei Gakuin besides frequent visits to the work at Fukahori. He is beloved by his people and his transfer at this time would be a calamity to the church.

There are now 311 full members, 33 probationers, and 46 inquirers, whose spiritual interests demand the most careful attention. The adult baptisms number 33, besides 1 child.

The church will continue to maintain its pastor as heretofore; the church building is, however, far too small for present use.

The new brick building in connection with Chinzei Gakuin is now nearing completion and with the increased attendance at the school greater seating capacity will be imperatively required in the church.

The school has been crowded and a year of successful labor crowned by the recent graduation of a very choice class of students. A new man to act as teacher on the faculty of the school is now under appointment and is expected from America in time for work at the opening of the fall term.

Kwassui Jo Gakko is also crowded to its limit and is now fully equipped in the matter of teaching force since the return of the principal, Miss Young, and the coming of Miss Cady to the Kindergarten work.

The influence of this school is becoming increasingly felt in many places throughout Japan, and especially in this island where its graduates are being employed as teachers of English and music in the government schools of the larger cities.

Nagasaki being on the world's commercial highway has exceptional opportunity for special lectures by distinguished travelers stopping in this port. Several such treats have been enjoyed during the past year; notably

the service rendered by the Hon. J. G. Wooley, Bishop Bashford, and others. Bishop Harris also made a special visit lecturing on the condition of the church in Korea. He also did a like service at Fukuoka and Kurume. All such work meets with a hearty response and in due time its legitimate fruits will follow.

What a grand privilege it is to live in this age of the world and to have a share in the work of God for the good of men! The greatest war in all Japan's history is over. The Russian prisoners have disappeared from her shores, let us hope never to return—as prisoners of war—and the nation's energies should henceforth be directed to repairing the waste places within her reach by means of the highest philanthropic and religious endeavour, and may God grant His church the wisdom and grace to do wisely and well the part falling to her before “the night cometh when no man can work.”

April, 1906.

REPORT OF VISITORS TO CHINZEI GAKKWAN.

We are glad to present the following report, having visited Chinzei Gakkwan in February and observed the conditions of the institution.

We found everything in excellent condition, and note a great increase in the enrolment of students. There are constant improvements under the honest and diligent efforts of the Principal, Dr. E. R. Fulkerson, and the Vice-Principal, Dr. U. Sasamori, and the co-operation of the entire faculty.

We have for years been looking forward to the erection of a new building, and we rejoice in the completion of such a building in the near future. This will ensure better school rooms.

We note with pleasure another noteworthy historical event, the sanctioning of a Board of Managers by the Missionary Society.

We are sorry there has been no overseer appointed for the new building.

We find the teaching force in the Theological Department is not sufficiently strong. We most earnestly desire the strengthening of this

force by the addition of a Professor especially for this Department, otherwise we believe it would be better to close the Department and send all these students to Aoyama.

We earnestly desire that steps be taken to secure the sanction of the Government for the school.

C. NAKAYAMA.

T. CHIGA.

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, SOUTH JAPAN

BY MARIANA YOUNG.

As you know, the ladies of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society occupy three stations; Nagasaki, Fukuoka and Kagoshima. There are three ladies at Kagoshima, Miss Gheer, Miss Smith and Miss Long. Miss Long was born in Japan and has returned after many years to take up Missionary work.

In the South Kyushu District, of which Miss Gheer is in charge, there have been 18 Bible Women employed during the year,—14 during the whole year, 3 giving half time to the work. These women are located at Kumamoto, Kagoshima, Sendai, Kokubu, Yatsushiro, Kurume, Nagasaki, Omura, and in the Loo Choo Islands. 16,697 tracts have been distributed and 9,081 visits made. There are 29 Sunday Schools, with a membership of 693. There is a night school in the Loo Choo Islands, with an average attendance of 20.

The North Kyushu evangelistic work has been superintended by Miss Thomas and Miss Mabel Seeds during the absence of Miss Leonora Seeds. There are 12 points, where 9 Bible Women have work. There are 22 Sunday Schools in the District, including those connected with the Fukuoka school. The average attendance is 2,000. There have been 4,962 visits made, and 13,466 tracts distributed. At Christmas time, 450 children of the City Mission Schools met in the Fukuoka Church to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Christ. There is a cotton mill at Fukuoka, of 700 employes, where permission has been given for evangelistic effort, and as soon as a woman can be found to do that work, a beginning will be made. Surely it is a great opportunity.

In connection with this, I will mention Mrs. Fretz's cooking class, which numbers 15 or 20 women. At the first, these women were rather indifferent to the Bible teaching, but the interest has increased to such an extent that one member has been baptized and all have become inquirers and come to class early in order to have the extra Bible study.

At Ei Wa Jo Gakko, there are two ladies, Miss Seeds and Miss Finlay. Miss Finlay came last September and thinks she could not be so happy anywhere as in Ei Wa Jo Gakko. There have been 59 boarders and 85 day pupils in the school during the year, 144 in all. All the boarding pupils are Christians. There have been 46 conversions and 39 baptisms in the school. The girls of the school conduct 6 Sunday Schools with an attendance of 500. Ei Wa Jo Gakko enjoys the special favor of the government schools, and girls are recommended to enter that school for advanced study. There will be several graduates from the academic course in June. Most of these girls expect to enter Kwassui in September for further study. The girls were desirous of giving up their hibachis for the sake of the famine sufferers, but instead of that gave up having cake on Sunday and lessened their daily expenses, thus saving about 12 yen, and also collected yen 17.50, making yen 29.50 for the famine sufferers.

At Kwassui Jo Gakko there are at present seven ladies; Misses Russell, Melton, Kidwell, Thomas, Davison, Young and Cody. We are very glad to say that, after repeated efforts, we have secured a Kindergarten teacher from America. A new feature is the Normal Training Department for kindergarten teachers. We have already five or six girls in the school for training. There have been 414 students in the school the last Conference year, 144 boarders and 270 day pupils. There are 21 Japanese teachers. Most of the boarders have become Christians, and a number of day scholars have entered the church. This new interest in Christianity manifested by the day scholars is the most encouraging for many years, since almost no response has come to our efforts until the past year.

There are 11 students in the school preparing for evangelistic work. Sixty-three girls and teachers work in the seventeen Sunday Schools, with an attendance of 700 or more. Miss Melton conducts two weekly women's meetings. This year there will be graduates from the Collegiate, Kindergarten, Normal and Industrial courses. The nationalities represented in

the school are Japanese, Chinese, Eurasian, Korean, English, Russian, American and Danish.

For the famine sufferers more than 100 yen was collected. There are two Missionary societies, the King's Heralds, or childrens' society, and the society of older girls.

The King's Heralds have collected by dues, work and thank-offering more than 22 yen. The other society, by dues and mite boxes, about 65 yen. The King's Heralds are going to send their money to Korea; the older society will continue to give their money to the work in Loo Choo.

In the Kwassui dispensary, in charge of Dr. Suganuma, 4,029 patients have been treated, among these being 193 insane.

During the past year, the orphanage has been moved to Omura. There are 30 children in the orphanage; one of these is totally blind, one is lame, one is a little baby which was found on a garbage pile and brought to the orphanage. Although it was frostbitten when found, it is growing nicely. There is one Sunday School in connection with the orphanage. The spirit manifested by the children towards each other is most beautifully sympathetic and helpful.

EDUCATION AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE.

The Committee wishes to emphasize the importance of Christian education in general, and especially to direct the attention of the Conference to the institutions within our own bounds.

We are pleased to note that the schools of the W.F.M.S. have had a good year.

Chinzei Gakuin has had a year of great prosperity. Considering the difficulties under which the school has labored in the lack of room, our hopes have been fully realized in the material and spiritual prosperity of the year. We heartily endorse the report of the Principal, and incorporate it as a part of this report.

Now, that the new building is nearing completion, we would urge that steps be taken to secure Government recognition. To this end we note with pleasure a growing determination to secure first class teachers as rapidly as the funds of the school will permit.

We wish to urge upon our pastors the importance of keeping before the people the subject of Christian literature. An effort should be made to get the "Gokyo" into all our Christian homes.

In view of the fact that some of the books used in the Conference course are not satisfactory, we urge the Publishing Committee to make a special effort to prepare suitable books during the next Conference year.

CHINZEI GAKUIN.

In some respects the past year has been the most satisfactory in the history of the school. Special efforts have been made to strengthen the teaching force to meet the demands of a growing school. The Missionary Society having failed to secure a new missionary teacher by the opening of the school in September, we were fortunate in securing the services of Prof. R. T. Stiles as a temporary supply. He has been with us since November, and will continue till the close of the school in June. Prof. M. K. Heicher, of North Plainfield, N. J., has been appointed and will be here before September.

During the year two changes have taken place in the Science Dept., the present incumbent being Prof. Nakayama, a man who has had considerable experience in his line. The teaching force has been greatly strengthened by the addition of Prof. S. Kawashima who is a graduate of the school, and has had several years in the United States.

The attendance for the year shows a steady increase, the total enrollment being 410, against 336 the previous year. The new year has opened with a still further increase, 330 being the total enrollment at the present time, against 294 at the end of April last year. The indications are that Wesley Chapel will soon be too small to accommodate the school.

I am happy to report that the new Administration Building will soon be an accomplished fact. We hoped to have it ready for use by the opening of the school year, the 10th of this month, but scarcity of material made this impossible. The building will meet a long-felt need, and make it possible for us to care for at least 350 students. A new brick wall has been erected in front of Wesley Chapel, and a stone wall is being built on

the west side of the school grounds. This will greatly enlarge the playground, preparatory to a general rearrangement of the grounds, to meet the demands of the Government when we apply for recognition.

A new Constitution has been prepared and adopted by the Missionary Society ; it will go into effect at the close of this Conference session.

The religious life of the school has been quite satisfactory. I would, however, emphasize the fact that this point should be carefully guarded as the school grows in numbers. To this end teachers of undoubted intellectual and spiritual strength should be employed. Nothing can compensate for the loss of spirituality in a growing Christian school.

At the last Commencement seven men graduated from the Koto Dept., and eight from the Academy.

In closing this report I wish to testify to the very excellent service rendered by Dr. Sasamori in all matters pertaining to the school ; he has been untiring in his efforts for the spiritual and material advancement of the school.

E. R. FULKERSON,
Principal.

Nagasaki, April 25, 1906.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCES.

We note with gratitude and satisfaction the marked increase in all collections of the past year.

For the coming year we would call especial attention to the Japanese work in Korea, under the efficient leadership of Bro. S. Kihara. For this work we are asked to raise 270 yen. We urge the hearty support of all pastors to this work, which has for us an increased interest in view of the appointment to Chemulpo of Mr. Yamashita, one of our Kyushu young men.

S. KAWASIMA,
Y. TSUDA,
A. E. RIGBY.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

We have examined the District Conference Records. They are clearly written, and there is nothing in them which is contrary to the Discipline of our Church.

K. MURAI,
T. HARADA,
S. WATANABE.

RESOLUTION ON LOO CHOO.

In the group of thirty-six islands lying to the south, between Japan and Formosa, there is a population of 640,000 people.

On these islands, called the Loo Choo group, Protestant Missions had a very early beginning, but in 1853, as the result of Government interference, were abandoned. Modern Missions were again opened in 1893. Our own church now maintains two Japanese preachers of the Gospel in Loo Choo, by appointment from the South Japan Annual Conference.

The Loo Choo Islands are so remote from the nearest Missionary residence in Japan that the work suffers for lack of supervision. The people are eager to hear the Gospel, but "how can they hear without a preacher." There are now two young men, natives of Loo Choo, in our school at Nagasaki preparing to preach the Gospel among their own people. Experience has taught us that it is not only inconvenient and inefficient to administer missionary operations in Loo Choo from Japan, but excessively expensive. At present our preachers must make a long, expensive journey to Japan in order to attend a District Conference.

The young men of these islands are as eager to profit by contact with the representatives of Western Christianity and civilization as are the Japanese.

For the above reasons, and for the additional reason that Bro. H. B. Schwartz who has supervised the work in Loo Choo from the inconvenient point of Kagoshima, Japan, is willing and indeed eager to go and establish a mission center in these islands, therefore,

Be it Resolved by the Annual Conference of South Japan, that we do earnestly request our Bishop to appoint H. B. Schwartz, who is now in America on furlough, as Missionary in charge of our work in the Loo Choo Islands.

And, be it further Resolved, that we petition the Missionary Society to render all possible aid to our Brother in this "field white already unto the harvest."

It is understood that in opening this work, Bro. Schwartz is to raise, in the United States, the extra amount of money necessary.

Signed,	K. KOSAKA,	K. ICHICHI,
	K. MURAI,	T. CHIGA,
	U. SASAMORI,	S. KAWASIMA,
	A. E. RIGBY,	EDWIN H. FRETZ.
	C. NAKAYAMA,	

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISTIC WORK.

We have examined the conditions of your Evangelistic work, and make the following recommendations :

- 1.—To change the Pastor's residence from Setaka to Omuta.
- 2.—To appoint H. B. Schwartz to live in Loo Choo.
- 3.—To appoint a pastor to live in Omura.
- 4.—To form a Nagasaki Circuit, consisting of Bungo-machi, Akunoura and Fukahori.
- 5.—To appoint a Professor in Chinzei to supply Wesley Church.
- 6.—To appoint a Presiding Elder to the Western District.

S. WATANABE,
C. NAKAYAMA,
K. MURAI,
E. R. FULKERSON.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find them correct.

C. NAKAYAMA,
J. C. DAVISON.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That we extend to Bishop M. C. Harris our hearty thanks for the brotherly and impartial manner in which he has presided over our deliberation.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the pastor and official members of Central Church, and to the secretaries of the Conference for their faithfulness during this Conference session.

E. R. FULKERSON,
U. SASAMORI.

REPORT OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSE.

We take much pleasure in submitting for your approval this our seventh annual report of the publishing work.

Notwithstanding the business depression, consequent on a second year of the greatest war in our history, our business has continued to prosper and our sales and stock have greatly increased. The cash sales have increased 20 % and the amount of stock on hand nearly 100 % over a year ago.

During the year we have secured the property at No. 1 Shichome, Ginza, formerly the Hakabunsha, and which we have for many years desired.

Through the generosity of the Mission Board, but more largely through the indefatigable labors of Rev. D. S. Spencer, about 37,000 yen has been collected and purchase of the new property consummated.

We consider this new property the very finest location in Tokyo for our business.

Improvements on the property costing Yen 12,000 are now nearing completion and the whole property will have cost us about Yen 50,000. It is worth fully double this amount as a going concern.

Portions of the new building not needed at present have been rented and the income thus received will pay all our fixed charges, such as ground rent, insurance, taxes, etc.

On the rear section of the new property we now have a fine new building, 30 by 72 feet and three stories high, which is designed for the factory or printing plant.

Mr. Spencer has been very successful in canvassing for money to secure new presses and other machinery for the new building. Some machines are already secured and others will follow. Several Sunday schools have agreed to furnish a press, another a paper cutter, etc., and Mr. Spencer is now successfully carrying out a plan to have all the Sunday schools make a small contribution towards the purchase of a large Miehle Press. This is the best press made in America.

Brother Spencer writes us both he and Mrs. Spencer are working 10 to 12 hours every day on this work. He recently sent out 8,000 appeals to the Sunday schools of America and hopes to soon secure enough funds to properly *equip* and capitalize the whole publishing plant so as to make it a help and source of power to every branch of our work.

We give below the statistics of the year's work in detail.

CASH SALES MARCH, 1905—FEBRUARY, 1906.

							Yen.
English Books	...	...	...	...	...	...	22,639.809
Japanese „	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,842.649
Merchandise	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,746.784
Periodicals	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,049.59
Conference Minutes	...	...	...	...	...	...	23.32
English S.S. Literature...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,038.43
Japanese „ „	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,405.786
Tracts	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,204.452
Japan Evangelist (2 years)	1,704.34
							<hr/> 50,655,160
Conference year 1904	40,265.006
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Increase	10,390.154

FREE GRANTS.

							Yen.
Tracts	823.73
Books	201.00
							<hr/> 1,024.73
1904	881.13
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Increase	143.60

STOCK ON HAND FEBRUARY 10TH, 1906.

Note: Our invoice of stock as given is figured at 30 % discount from list prices.

	Yen.
English Books	18,227.125
Japanese „	14,159.323
Merchandise	6,501.573
Tracts	1,417.795
Commission Books	9,483.930
Total	49,789.746
Last year	27,740.308
Increase	22,049.438

PUBLICATION TRACTS AND BOOKS.

	Yen.
69,000 Tracts printed at a cost of	337.22
79,000 Books „ „ „	10,329.83
532,000 Vols. S.S. periodicals printed at a cost of ...	1,518.62

J. L. COWEN,
Publishing Agent.

GOKYO REPORT.

1905 (JANUARY—DECEMBER.)

INCOME :—

	Yen.
Balance in Hand	88.692
From Subscribers	825.980
From Advertisements	111.780
From Interest	17.140
Subsidy	957.000
Total	<u>2,000.592</u>

EXPENDITURE :—

Printing	829.720
Postage	255.625
Business Expenses... ..	214.740
Editorial Expenses	586.385
Balance in Hand	114.122
Total	<u>2,000.592</u>

Printed copies to the end of Dec., 1905	840
Copies distributed	806
Paid subscriptions	680
Copies sold at Book-stores	13
Complimentary copies and Exchanges... ..	123

(Compared with the former year increased—

137	835	in Income.
112	415	in Expenditure.
140		in Printed copies.
132		in Paid subscriptions.
7		in Copies sold at Book-stores.

M. TAKAGI,
Editor and Manager.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

Your Committee respectfully report the following gifts and loans for the coming year :—

GRANTS :—							Yen.
Mrs. Matsumoto	...	...	...	...	...	...	220
Mrs. Nagano	...	...	...	...	...	...	220
Mr. K. Kimura	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
LOANS :—							
Y. Tsuda...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
S. Watanabe	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Total							518

The above loans are to be returned to the Mission Treasurer as follows :—

Y. Tsuda, Yen 2.50 per month.

S. Watanabe, Yen 2.00 per month.

Your Committee also recommend that the balance of loans due the fund be returned as follows :—

From T. Otake, Yen 2.50 per month.

From K. Murai, Yen 1.00 per month.

J. C. DAVISON, Chairman.

K. KAWASE, Secretary.

SELF-SUPPORT.

Considering the condition of our churches, we request the Conference to adopt the following :—

1.—Pastors should not only cultivate the spirit of self-support, but also let the Class Leaders and Treasurers follow strictly the Disciplinary course.

2.—The Conference shall appoint a committee on the promotion of self-support, who shall visit the local churches and promote self-support.

C. NAKAYAMA.

T. CHIGA.

E. H. FRETZ.

MISSIONS.

REDISTRIBUTION OF MISSION FUNDS.

Total Mission Grant...	...	...	...	...	6,900.00
Rents—January to April	...	...	...	636.00	
Salaries { 4 months	...	...	...	2,293.00	
Less Self-support ..	...	...	...	535.30	
				1,757.70	
					2,898.70
Balance of Grant for 8 months	...	...	...		4,506.30
Self-support	...	...	...	1,243.20	
Less balance Moji rent	...	...	...	75.00	
					1,168.20
Available for Salaries and Rents...	...	...	...		5,674.50

REDISTRIBUTION.—MAY TO DECEMBER

Appointment.	Salary.	Rent.	Total Expenditure.	Self Support.	Grant.
Moji, Kokura and Koga	48.00	13.00	61.00	5.50	55 50
Wakamatsu	27.00	8.00	35.00	5.10	29 90
Fukuoka and Hakata	36.00	2.00	38.00	17.80	20 20
Koyanose and Nogata	36.00	8.00	44.00		44.00
Kurume	35.00	8.00	43.00	1.50	41 50
Omura and Setaka	30.00	8.00	38.00	6.50	31 50
Yamaga and Waifu	33.00	7.00	40.00	2.35	37.65
Kumamoto	37.00	5.00	42.00	10.00	32.00
Yatsushiro	32.00	7.00	39.00	1.13	37.85
Sendsai	27.00	6.00	33.00	1.50	31.50
Kagoshima	38.00	—	38.00	13.00	25.00
Kokubu and Kajiki	33.00	1.00	34.00	2.00	32.00
Naha	40.00	18.50	58.50	6.00	52 50
Naha (Obo)	25.00	—	25.00	—	25.00
Omura	10.00	8.00	18.00	3.00	15.00
Nagasaki :—Central	35.00	—	35.00	35.00	—
„ Wesley	45.00	—	45.00	45.00	—
Bungo-machi	6.00	10.00	16.00	—	16.00
Akunoura	—	7.00	7.00	—	7.00
Fukahori	6.00	2.00	8.00	—	8.00
Total per month	579.00	118.50	697.50	155.40	542.10
Total balance of year	4 632.00	948.00	5,580.00	1,243.20	4,336.80

CONSTITUTION OF CHINZEI GAKUIN.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The Educational Institution of the Methodist Episcopal Church located at Nagasaki, Japan, shall be known as Chinzei Gakuin (Chinzei College).

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of the school is to furnish a liberal education on Christian principles.

ARTICLE III.—DEPARTMENTS.

This institution shall be divided into two Departments:—Collegiate and Academic.

ARTICLE IV.—SCOPE OF THE DEPARTMENTS.

Sec. 1.—College Department.—The College Department shall cover three years' work, and shall provide a thorough training in higher English Science, etc., as set forth in the Course of Study.

Sec. 2.—Academic Department. — The Academy shall provide, thorough elementary training in English, Science, Mathematics, Chinese and Japanese, etc., as provided for in the Course of Study, which shall cover five years.

ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS.

Sec. 1.—The Officers of the institution shall comprise a President, a Dean of the College, a Principal of the Academy, a Treasurer and a Secretary or Secretaries. The Dean of the College may act as the Principal of the Academy.

Sec. 2.—The President and the Heads of Departments shall be elected by the Board of Managers of the school.

ARTICLE VI.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1.—President.—The duties of the President shall be :

- (a) To supervise the general interests of the institution.
- (b) To carry out the orders of the Board of Managers intrusted to him.

- (c) To advise with the Heads of Departments in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the institution.
- (d) To represent the institution before the public.
- (e) To preside at all meetings of the Educational Council hereinafter provided for.

Sec. 2.—Principal and Dean.—The duties of the Dean of the College and of the Principal of the Academy shall be :

- (a) To preside at all meetings of the Faculty of his Department.
- (b) To consult with the teachers concerning the Course of Study, methods of instruction, order and discipline, as he may think best.
- (c) To administer discipline ; but in serious cases of discipline, he shall act with the advice and consent of the Educational Council.
- (d) To refer all matters of serious divergence of opinion between himself and his teachers to the Educational Council.

Sec. 3.—Treasurer.—The duty of the treasurer shall be to receive and administer the funds of the school as directed by the Board of Managers. He shall present to the Treasurer of the Mission, each quarter, a detailed statement of the expenditure of mission money for that quarter.

Sec. 4.—Secretary.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary or Secretaries,

- (a) To assist the Treasurer in collecting all school bills.
- (b) To keep the school records.

ARTICLE VII.—THE FACULTIES.

The Faculty of each Department shall consist of all its professors. The Secretaries and special teachers may be invited to sit as advisory members.

ARTICLE VIII.—EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL.

Sec. 1.—How Constituted.—There shall be an Educational Council consisting of the President, the Dean, the Principal of the Academy, and the Treasurer, to which may be added by annual appointment of the Board of Managers, not more than one teacher from each Department.

Sec. 2.—Powers and Duties.—The Educational Council shall have the right :

- (a) To establish Courses of Study ;
- (b) To administer discipline in all cases referred to it by the Heads of the various Departments ;
- (c) To act in such matters as may be referred to it by the Heads of Departments ;
- (d) To appoint and supervise all committees.

ARTICLE IX.—BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Sec. 1.—How Constituted.—The general control of the institution shall be vested in a Board of Managers consisting of three Japanese and three Missionaries, all of whom shall be members of the South Japan Conference. The Board shall be elected by the South Japan Conference.

Sec. 2.—Term of Office.—At the session of the South Japan Conference of 1906 one Japanese and one Missionary shall be elected for one year, one each for two years, and one each for three years. Thereafter, the term of office in every case shall be for three years. They shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

Sec. 3.—Vacancies How Filled.—Any vacancy occurring in the interim of the Conference shall be filled until the next session of Conference by the Board, in harmony with Section 1.

Sec. 4.—Quorum and Vote.—In all meetings of the Board of Managers, four members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and all questions shall be settled by a two-thirds vote of the entire body.

Sec. 5.—Duties of the Board of Managers.—The duties of the Board of Managers shall be :—

- (a) To elect the President, the Principal of the Academy, the Dean of the College, the Treasurer and all the regular teachers of the school.
- (b) To establish new departments and to grant diplomas on recommendation of the Educational Council.
- (c) To determine the salaries of all teachers and employes except Missionaries.

- (d) To present, each year, a report to the South Japan Conference.
- (e) To present to the Finance Committee of the South Japan Mission, before July 1 of each year, a detailed statement of the income and expenditure of the previous year, and estimates of the amount needed for the succeeding year.
- (f) To keep in repair the school buildings and grounds, and to erect new buildings, the consent of the Missionary Society to be secured in each case.

ARTICLE X.—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Sec. 1.—Election of.—The Board of Managers shall elect annually, from its own number, an Executive Committee consisting of three members.

Sec. 2.—Duties.—The Executive Committee shall, in the interim of the sessions of the Board of Managers, transact all business delegated to it by the Board.

ARTICLE XI.—MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The regular annual meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held during Commencement week. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XII.—ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution shall go into effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society.

ARTICLE XIII.—TITLE TO PROPERTY.

All land and legal titles shall be held, as at present, by the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE XIV.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended by the South Japan Annual Conference, subject to the approval of the presiding Bishop and the

Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Due notice of any proposed amendment shall be given to the Annual Conference at least two days in advance of action thereon.

CONFERENCE COURSE OF STUDY.

FOR ADMISSION.

SUBJECTS.	EXAMINERS.
1.—Chinese	T. Nakamura.
(a) Japanese History.	
(b) Selections from the Eight Great Authors.	
2.—Japanese Language	T. Chiga.
(a) Modern Authors.	
(b) Grammar.	
3.—Mathematics	U. Sasamori.
(a) Arithmetic ; (b) Algebra ; (c) Plane Geometry.	
4.—History	T. Nakamura.
(a) Universal History.—Sekawa.	
(a) Japanese History.—A. Honda.	
5.—Geography	K. Kawase.
6.—Physics	U. Sasamori.
7.—Bible :—Acts of the Apostles	J. C. Davison.
8.—Theology :—Christian Evidences—Davis ...	T. Chiga.
9.—Discipline :—Parts I. & II....	E. R. Fulkerson.
10.—Written Sermon	C. Nakayama.

FIRST YEAR.

1.—Logic—Onishi	U. Sasamori.
2.—Christian Evidences:—"Self-Revelation of God,"—Harris, Part I.	T. Chiga.
3.—Life of Christ—Imbrie... ..	T. Nakamura.
4.—Theology—Raymond ; Part I., & one-half of Part II.	U. Sasamori.
5.—Exegesis:—Genesis & Exodus	E. R. Fulkerson.
6.—Bible History	K. Kawase.
7.—Discipline, Parts III.—V.	E. R. Fulkerson.
8.—Written Sermon	C. Nakayama.

SECOND YEAR.

- 1.—Psychology—James U. Sasamori.
- 2.—History of Philosophy,—Onishi, Book I. ... U. Sasamori.
- 3.—Christian Evidences :—"Self-Revelation of
God,"—Harris, Last half T. Chiga.
- 4.—Old Testament Introduction—Johnson ... T. Nakamura.
- 5.—Theology—Raymond; last half of Part II. &
Part III. U. Sasamori.
- 6.—History of Methodism—Daniel K. Kawase.
- 7.—Exegesis; Isaiah & Gospel of John A. E. Rigby.
- 8.—Hermeneutics—Yamada C. Nakayama.
- 9.—Discipline, Parts VI.—IX.... ... E. R. Fulkerson.
- 10.—Written Sermon C. Nakayama.

THIRD YEAR.

- 1.—History of Philosophy—Onishi, Part II. ... U. Sasamori.
- 2.—Theology: Miley's Anthropology U. Sasamori.
- 3.—History of Doctrine—Sheldon, First half... T. Chiga.
- 4.—New Testament Introduction—Spencer ... T. Nakamura.
- 5.—New Testament Theology—Norton T. Chiga.
- 6.—Exegesis: Psalms and Romans J. C. Davison.
- 7.—Church History—Learned, First half... .. K. Kawase.
- 8.—Political Economy—Tajima C. Nakayama.
- 9.—Written Sermon C. Nakayama.

FOURTH YEAR.

- 1.—Ethics—Muirhead U. Sasamori.
- 2.—Church History—Learned, Last half... .. K. Kawase.
- 3.—Theology: The Atonement,—Miley U. Sasamori.
- 4.—Pastoral Theology—Yamaka T. Nakamura.
- 5.—History of Doctrine,—Sheldon, Last half ... T. Chiga.
- 6.—Comparative Church Polity—Spencer ... T. Chiga.
- 7.—Exegesis: Minor Prophets, Hebrews, I. &
II. Timothy, and James J. C. Davison.
- 8.—Sociology—Giddings U. Sasamori.
- 9.—Written Sermon C. Nakayama.

Examinations are to be written. Examiners are expected to send questions to the Chairman of the Board, in case of absence on the day set for examinations.

J. C. DAVISON,

Chairman and Registrar.

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

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STATISTICS.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.		SUPPORT OF PRESIDING ELDERS.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		CURRENT EXPENSES.		
		Claims.	Receipts.	Amount Paid.	Amount Paid.			Collections.	Received from Other Sources.	Total.	Church: Sexton, Light Fuel, etc.	Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
Northern District.												
1 Hakata	T. Otake	18.00	18.00	54	20	18.74	—	50	50	16.00	—	
2 Wakamatsu	T. Harada	60.00	60.00	1.20	50	61.70	20	3.00	3.20	60.00	1.77	
3 Moji and Kokura	K. Kosaka	66.00	66.00	1.32	50	67.82	—	6.00	6.00	48.79	—	
	.	144.00	144.00	3.06	1.20	148.26	20	9.50	9.70	124.79	1.77	
Western District.												
4 Fukuoka	K. Kawase	180.00	180.00	3.60	2.00	185.60	4.00	9.00	13.00	49.44	18.00	
5 Kurume	Y. Tsuda	12.00	12.00	36	60	12.96	—	3.00	3.00	13.80	4.50	
6 Nagasaki, Wesley ...	S. Kawasaki	555.00	555.00	1.71	4.00	560.71	8.17	6.00	14.17	49.22	62.33	
7 Nagasaki, Central ...	C. Nakayama	420.00	420.00	50	50	421.00	50	3.00	3.50	84.30	28.00	
8 Omura	U. Sasamori	12.00	12.00	15	—	12.15	—	3.00	3.00	6.00	—	
		1,179.00	1,179.00	6.32	7.10	1,192.42	12.67	24.00	36.67	202.76	112.83	
Central District.												
9 Omura and Netaka ...	C. Inouye	78.00	78.00	1.56	50	80.06	25	3.00	3.25	17.01	8.58	
10 Kutani and Waifu ...	S. Watanabe	36.00	36.00	1.08	40	37.48	—	3.00	3.00	1.50	2.80	
11 Kumamoto	T. Chiga	108.00	108.00	2.16	1.20	111.36	—	6.00	6.00	92.76	1.00	
12 Yatsushiro	Y. Narita	13.20	13.20	28	25	13.73	16	—	16	—	—	
		235.20	235.20	5.08	2.35	242.63	41	12.00	12.41	111.27	12.38	
Southern District.												
13 Kagoshima	T. Nakamura	144.00	144.00	2.88	75	147.63	80	9.00	9.80	79.10	—	
14 Kokubu and Hajiki ...	K. Ichichi	24.00	24.00	78	15	24.93	20	3.00	3.20	4.20	—	
15 Sendai	A. Eguchi	18.00	18.00	36	10	18.46	25	3.00	3.25	8.90	—	
16 Okinawa (Loo Choo)...	K. Murai and T. Oho	72.00	72.00	1.44	20	73.64	56	6.00	6.56	24.00	7.00	
		258.00	258.00	5.46	1.20	269.66	181	21.00	22.81	116.20	7.00	
Total.....1906		1,816.20	1,816.20	19.92	11.85	1,847.97	15.09	66.50	81.59	555.02	123.98	
".....1906		1,755.37	1,744.93	40.47	12.00	1,795.40	91.75	69.60	161.35	417.65	138.14	
Gain		60.83	71.27	—	—	52.57	—	—	—	137.37	—	
Loss		—	—	20.55	15	—	78.68	3.10	79.78	—	14.16	

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NAME OF CHARGES.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPE			
	No of Probationers.	No of Full Members.	No. Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.
Northern District.													
1 Hakata	5	25	—	—	8	4	5	2	225	—	—	—	—
2 Wakamatsu	4	46	—	—	—	5	2	3	68	1	2,000.00	1	600.00
3 Moji and Kokura	5	40	—	—	—	7	3	4	104	1	3,200.00	1	600.00
	14	111	—	—	8	16	10	9	397	2	5 200.00	2	1,200.00
Western District.													
4 Fukuoka	31	190	1	4	1	55	2	13	650	1	4,000.00	1	1,500.00
5 Kurume	14	30	—	1	8	11	1	4	60	—	—	—	—
6 Nagasaki, Wesley ..	33	311	3	2	—	33	2	60	709	1	10,000.00	1	1,200.00
7 " Central	28	102	2	2	7	17	2	14	115	1	10,000.00	1	1,500.00
8 Omura	19	36	—	—	3	4	2	2	90	—	—	—	—
	125	669	6	9	14	120	9	93	1,624	3	24,000.00	3	4,200.00
Central District.													
9 Omura and Setaka ...	—	67	1	—	2	8	3	2	32	1	1,800.00	—	—
10 Kutami and Waifu ...	19	27	—	2	—	7	3	3	77	—	—	—	—
11 Kumamoto	29	104	—	2	2	12	4	6	170	1	5,600.00	1	1,500.00
12 Yatsushiro	3	23	1	—	—	2	1	5	42	—	—	—	—
	51	221	2	4	4	29	11	16	321	2	7,400.00	1	1,500.00
Southern District.													
13 Kagoshima	33	78	—	2	—	19	5	14	180	1	3,500.00	1	1,000.00
14 Kokubu and Kajiki ...	5	22	—	—	1	4	3	2	70	1	1,000.00	1	300.00
15 Sendai	—	11	—	1	—	—	1	1	10	—	—	—	—
16 Okinawa [Loo Choo]	38	26	—	1	3	25	1	5	55	—	—	—	—
	76	137	—	4	4	48	10	22	315	2	4,500.00	2	1,300.00
Total	266	1,138	8	17	25	213	40	140	2,657	9	41,100.00	8	8,200.00
"	249	1,010	6	16	15	165	41	155	3,077	7	36,900.00	6	6,300.00
gain	17	128	2	1	10	48	—	—	—	2	4,200.00	2	1,900.00
loss	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	15	420	—	—	—	—

Objections	—
Unsettled	—
Settled	—
38.00	—
10.00	—
99.6	—
27.28	—
35.00	—
27.28	—
—	—
77.18	—
—	—
90.76	—
5.20	—
1.70	—
60.09	—
—	—
66.99	—
46.26	—
1.00	—
4.80	—
30.00	—
82.06	—
365.60	—
430.80	—
165.20	—

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.		SUPPORT OF PRESIDING BISHOPS.	Amount Paid.	SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.	Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		CURRENT EXPENSES.	
		Claims.	Receipts.					RECEIVED FROM	Total.		
		Salary.	Salary.	Amount Paid.	Amount Paid.			Collections.	(Other Sources.	Church: Sexton, Light Fuel, etc.	Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
Northern District.	1 Hakata	18.00	18.00	54	20		18.74	—	50	16.00	—
	2 Wakamatsu	60.00	60.00	1.20	50		61.70	20	3.00	60.00	1.77
	3 Moji and Kokura	66.00	66.00	1.32	50		67.82	—	6.00	48.79	—
	.	144.00	144.00	3.06	1.20		148.26	20	9.50	124.79	1.77
Western District.	4 Fukuoka	180.00	180.00	3.60	2.00		185.60	4.00	9.00	49.44	18.00
	5 Kurume	12.00	12.00	36	60		12.96	—	3.00	13.80	4.50
	6 Nagasaki, Wesley	555.00	555.00	1.71	4.00		560.71	8.17	6.00	49.22	62.33
	7 Nagasaki, Central	420.00	420.00	50	50		421.00	50	3.00	84.30	28.00
	8 Omura	12.00	12.00	15	—		12.15	—	3.00	6.00	—
		1,179.00	1,179.00	6.32	7.10		1,192.42	12.67	24.00	202.76	112.83
Central District.	9 Omuta and Setaka	78.00	78.00	1.56	50		80.06	25	3.00	17.01	8.58
	10 Kutami and Waifu	36.00	36.00	1.08	40		37.48	—	3.00	1.50	2.80
	11 Kumamoto	108.00	108.00	2.16	1.20		111.36	—	6.00	92.76	1.00
	12 Yatsushiro	13.20	13.20	28	25		13.73	16	—	—	—
		235.20	235.20	5.08	2.35		242.63	41	12.00	111.27	12.38
Southern District.	13 Kagoshima	144.00	144.00	2.88	75		147.63	80	9.00	79.10	—
	14 Kokubu and Hajiki	24.00	24.00	78	15		24.93	20	3.00	4.20	—
	15 Sendai	18.00	18.00	36	10		18.46	25	3.00	8.90	—
	16 Okinawa (Loo Choo)	72.00	72.00	1.44	20		78.64	56	6.00	24.00	7.00
		258.00	258.00	5.46	1.20		269.66	1.81	21.00	116.20	7.00
Total		1,816.20	1,816.20	19.92	11.85		1,847.97	15.09	66.50	555.02	123.98
"		1,755.37	1,744.93	40.47	12.00		1,795.40	91.75	69.60	417.65	138.14
Gain		60.83	71.27	—	—		52.57	—	—	137.37	—
Loss		—	—	20.55	15		—	76.68	3.10	—	14.16

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Northern District.													
Hakata	5	25	—	—	3	4	5	2	225	—	—	—	—
Wakamatsu	4	46	—	—	—	5	2	3	68	1	2,000.00	1	600.00
Moji and Kokura	5	40	—	—	—	7	3	4	104	1	3,200.00	1	600.00
Total	14	111	—	—	3	16	10	9	397	2	5 200.00	2	1,200.00
Western District.													
Fukuoka	31	190	1	4	1	55	2	13	650	1	4,000.00	1	1,500.00
Kurume	14	30	—	1	3	11	1	4	60	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki, Wesley	33	311	3	2	—	33	2	60	709	1	10,000.00	1	1,200.00
" Central	28	102	2	2	7	17	2	14	115	1	10,000.00	1	1,500.00
Omura	19	36	—	—	3	4	2	2	90	—	—	—	—
Total	125	669	6	9	14	120	9	93	1,624	3	24,000.00	3	4,200.00
Central District.													
Omura and Setaka	—	67	1	—	2	8	3	2	32	1	1,800.00	—	—
Kutami and Waifu	19	27	—	2	—	7	3	3	77	—	—	—	—
Kumamoto	29	104	—	2	2	12	4	6	170	1	5,600.00	1	1,500.00
Yatsushiro	3	23	1	—	—	2	1	5	42	—	—	—	—
Total	51	221	2	4	4	29	11	16	321	2	7,400.00	1	1,500.00
Southern District.													
Kagoshima	33	78	—	2	—	19	5	14	180	1	3,500.00	1	1,000.00
Kokubu and Kajiki	5	22	—	—	1	4	3	2	70	1	1,000.00	1	300.00
Sendai	—	11	—	1	—	—	1	1	10	—	—	—	—
Okinawa [Loo Choo]	38	26	—	1	3	25	1	5	55	—	—	—	—
Total	76	137	—	4	4	48	10	22	315	2	4,500.00	2	1,300.00
Total	266	1,138	8	17	25	213	40	140	2,657	9	41,100.00	8	8,200.00
"	249	1,010	6	16	15	165	41	155	3,077	7	36,900.00	6	6,300.00
gain	17	128	2	1	10	48	—	—	—	2	4,200.00	2	1,900.00
loss	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	15	420	—	—	—	—

NAME OF CHARGES.

Northern District.

Hakata

Wakamatsu

Moji and Kokura

Western District.

Fukuoka

Kurume

Nagasaki, Wesley

" Central

Omura

Central District.

Omura and Setaka

Kutami and Waifu

Kumamoto

Yatsushiro

Southern District.

Kagoshima

Kokubu and Kajiki

Sendai

Okinawa [Loo Choo]

Total

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gain

loss

Paid for

Probable Value.

No. of

Churches.

No. of Scholars.

No. of Officers and Teachers.

No. of Schools.

No. of Adults Baptized.

No. of Children Baptized.

No. of Deaths.

No. Local Preachers.

No. of Full Members.

No. of Probationers.

Probable Value.

No. of

Parsonages.

Probable Value.

5.20
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00.8

0.00
10.00
00.01
00.8

965.60
330.80

82.06

46.26
1.00
4.80
30.00

165.30

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Salary.		Amount Paid.	Amount Paid.	Amount Paid.	Amount Paid.	Amount Paid.	Amount Paid.	Amount Paid.	Amount Paid.	Amount Paid.	Amount Paid.		
Northern District.		T. Otake		54	20	18.74	18.74	50	50	16.00	—		
1 Hakata		18.00		54	20	18.74	18.74	50	50	16.00	—		
2 Wakamatsu		60.00		1.20	50	61.70	61.70	3.00	3.20	60.00	1.77		
3 Moji and Kokura		66.00		1.32	50	67.82	67.82	6.00	6.00	48.79	—		
•		144.00		3.06	1.20	148.26	148.26	9.50	9.70	124.79	1.77		
Western District.		K. Kawase		3.60	2.00	185.60	185.60	9.00	13.00	49.44	18.00		
4 Fukuoka		180.00		3.60	2.00	185.60	185.60	9.00	13.00	49.44	18.00		
5 Kurume		12.00		36	60	12.96	12.96	3.00	3.00	13.80	4.50		
6 Nagasaki, Wesley ...		555.00		1.71	4.00	560.71	560.71	6.00	14.17	49.22	62.33		
7 Nagasaki, Central ...		420.00		50	50	421.00	421.00	3.00	3.50	84.30	28.00		
8 Omura		12.00		15	—	12.15	12.15	3.00	3.00	6.00	—		
Central District.		1,179.00		6.32	7.10	1,192.42	1,192.42	24.00	36.67	202.76	112.83		
9 Omuta and Setaka ...		78.00		1.56	50	80.06	80.06	3.00	3.25	17.01	8.58		
10 Kutani and Waifu ...		36.00		1.08	40	37.48	37.48	3.00	3.00	1.50	2.80		
11 Kumamoto		108.00		2.16	1.20	111.36	111.36	6.00	6.00	92.78	1.00		
12 Yatsushiro		13.20		28	25	13.73	13.73	—	16	—	—		
Southern District.		235.20		5.08	2.35	242.63	242.63	12.00	12.41	111.27	12.38		
13 Kagoshima		144.00		2.88	75	147.63	147.63	9.00	9.80	79.10	—		
14 Kokubu and Hajiki ...		24.00		78	15	24.93	24.93	3.00	3.20	4.20	—		
15 Sendai		18.00		86	10	18.46	18.46	3.00	3.25	8.90	—		
16 Okinawa (Loo Choo)...		72.00		1.44	20	78.64	78.64	6.00	6.56	24.00	7.00		
		258.00		5.46	1.20	269.66	269.66	21.00	22.81	116.20	7.00		
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Gain		60.83		—	—	52.57	52.57	—	—	137.37	—		
Loss		—		20.55	15	—	—	3.10	79.78	—	14.16		

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Northern District.													
1 Hakata	5	25	—	—	3	4	5	2	225	—	—	—	—
2 Wakamatsu	4	46	—	—	—	5	2	3	68	1	2,000.00	1	600.00
3 Moji and Kokura	5	40	—	—	—	7	3	4	104	1	3,200.00	1	600.00
	14	111	—	—	3	16	10	9	397	2	5 200.00	2	1,200.00
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4 Fukuoka	31	190	1	4	1	55	2	13	650	1	4,000.00	1	1,500.00
5 Kurume	14	30	—	1	3	11	1	4	60	—	—	—	—
6 Nagasaki, Wesley	33	311	3	2	—	33	2	60	709	1	10,000.00	1	1,200.00
7 " Central	28	102	2	2	7	17	2	14	115	1	10,000.00	1	1,500.00
8 Omura	19	86	—	—	3	4	2	2	90	—	—	—	—
	125	669	6	9	14	120	9	93	1,624	3	24,000.00	3	4,200.00
Central District.													
9 Omuta and Setaka	—	67	1	—	2	8	3	2	32	1	1,800.00	—	—
10 Kutami and Waifu	19	27	—	2	—	7	3	3	77	—	—	—	—
11 Kumamoto	29	104	—	2	2	12	4	6	170	1	5,600.00	1	1,500.00
12 Yatsushiro	3	23	1	—	—	2	1	5	42	—	—	—	—
	51	221	2	4	4	29	11	16	321	2	7,400.00	1	1,500.00
Southern District.													
13 Kagoshima	33	78	—	2	—	19	5	14	180	1	3,500.00	1	1,000.00
14 Kokubu and Kajiki	5	22	—	—	1	4	3	2	70	1	1,000.00	1	300.00
15 Sendai	—	11	—	1	—	—	1	1	10	—	—	—	—
16 Okinawa [Loo Choo]	38	26	—	1	3	25	1	5	55	—	—	—	—
	76	137	—	4	4	48	10	22	315	2	4,500.00	2	1,300.00
Total	266	1,138	8	17	25	213	40	140	2,657	9	41,100.00	8	8,200.00
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Gain	17	128	2	1	10	48	—	—	—	2	4,200.00	2	1,900.00
Loss	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	15	420	—	—	—	—

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BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss'y Society.	HOME MISSION-ARY SOCIETY.		To Be Taken From Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
	(n) Church.	(h) Sunday School.	Total.			(a) Public Educational Collection.	(n) Cash.					
Northern District.												
1 Hakata	50		50	1.30	15	30	15			1.30		—
2 Wakamatsu	2 00	—	2 00	2.50	25	1 12	25		15	2.50		1.77
3 Moji and Kokura	3 00	—	3 00	1.30	20	1 00	20		10	1.30		—
	5 50	—	5 50	5 10	60	2 42	60		25	5 10		1.77
Western District.												
4 Fukuoka	11 00	—	11 00	3 10	1 00	2 00	1 00		14.61	14 10		18.00
5 Kurume	2 00	—	2 00	1.30	20	65	20		20	1.30		4.50
6 Nagasaki, Wesley	29.20	10.80	40.00	9 05	1.60	5 20	3.91		67 87	21 20		62.33
7 Nagasaki, Central	2 50	—	2 50	2.60	50	3 00	50		—	2 60		28.00
8 Omura	30	—	30	1 20	10	15	10		—	1 20		—
	45 00	10.80	55.80	17.25	3 40	11 00	5 71		82.68	40 40		12.83
Central District.												
9 Omura and Setaka	2.20	—	2.20	1.30	20	25	20		—	1.30		8.58
10 Kutami and Waifu	3.30	10	3 40	1.30	10	60	10		10	1.30		2.80
11 Kumamoto	7.00	50	7.50	1.30	50	2 50	1.50		—	1.30		1.00
12 Yatsushiro	10	—	10	1.30	10	1 19	10		10	1.30		—
	12.60	60	13.20	5.20	90	4.54	1.90		20	5.20		12.38
Southern District.												
13 Kagoshima	4 20	—	4 20	3.80	30	7 00	30		11 72	3.80		—
14 Kokubu and Kajiki	1 00	—	1 00	1.50	10	15	—		—	1.50		—
15 Sendai	50	—	50	1.60	10	10	20		20	1.50		—
16 Okinawa [Loo Ohoo]..	5 00	—	5 00	1.20	80	1 50	30		30	4.80		7.00
	10.70	—	10.70	8.10	80	8.75	85		12.22	11.60		7.00
Total 1908	73 80	11 40	85 20	35.65	5 70	26 71	9 03		95.85	62.35		23.98
Total 1905	76 50	2 10	78 60	32.60	5.75	34.10	6.50		87 00	89.00		138.14
Gain	—	9 80	6.60	3.05	—	—	2.56		58.85	23.35		—
Loss	2.70	—	—	—	05	7.39	—		—	—		14.16



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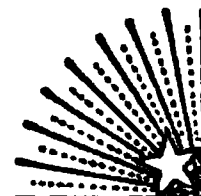
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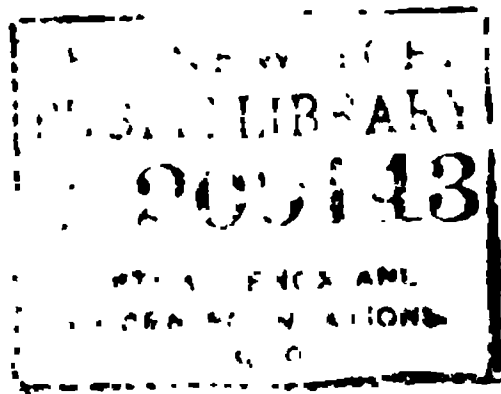
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A. E. Rigby.

Secretary.

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Conference Directory.

Entered Travelling Connection.	Name.	Rank.	Address.	Years in App't.
1899	Berry, Arthur D.	E.	Aoyama, Tokyo	3
1901	Chiga, Toranosuke	E.	Kumamoto-shi, Sannenzaka, M. E. Church	7
1873	Davison, John C.	P.E.	Kumamoto, 435 Shin-yashiki	6
1904	Eguchi, Atsuo	D.	Aoyama Gakui, Tokyo	1
1893	Fretz, Edwin H.	E.	Fukuoka, 77 Tenjin-cho	3
1882	Fulkerson, Epperson R.	E.	University Place, Neb., U.S.A.	
1904	Harada, Tamezo	D.	Madison, N.J., U.S.A.	
1898	Ijichi, Kuro (Ichichi)	E.	Kagoshima-ken, Sendai, M. E. Church	1
1904	Johanson, Johan	E.	Suiling, China	4
1898	Kawasaki, Noboru	D.	Nagasaki, 12 E. Higashi-yamate	1
1891	Kawase, Kotaro	D.	Fukuoka-shi, 40 Tenjin-cho	5
1893	Kawashima, Sienoshin	E.	Nagasaki, Ginya-machi, M. E. Church	1
1903	Kingbury, Willard de L.	E.	Nagasaki, 12 D. Higashi-yamate	1
1879	Kosaka, Keinosuke	P.E.	Kokura, M. E. Church	6
1889	Murai, Kiso	E.	Okinawa-ken, Naka-kei, Keime M. E. Church	8
1891	Nakamura, Tokutaro	E.	Kagoshima-shi, Yamashito-cho, Hiranobaba, M. E. Church	4
1882	Nakayama, Chiujo	P.E.	Omura, M. E. Church	1
1905	Oho, Tomiya	D.	Okinawa-ken, Shuri, M. E. Church	1
1886	Otake, Tsunenari	E.	Koyanose, M. E. Church	2
1899	Rigby, Arch E.	E.	Fonda, Iowa, U.S.A.	
1893	Sasamori, Uichiro	E.	Nagasaki, 5 Higashi-yamate	15
1887	Schwartz, Henry B.	P.E.	Okinawa-ken, Naha	1
1899	Scott, Francis N.	E.	Nagasaki, 6 Higashi-yamate	1
1892	Tsuda, Yoshito	E.	Kurume, Tamachi, 1 Yoshitake	5
1902	Watanabe, Suian	E.	Masukata	
1897	Yoshioka, Seimei	E.	Kumamoto-ken, Yamaga-machi, M. E. Church	1
1900			Portland, Ore., U.S.A.	
1900	Wilson, John F.	E.	Kiukiang, China	

NUMBER OF MEMBERS, 26.

PROBATIONERS.

1907	Inouye, Taichi	1st Yr. Kokubu, M.E. Church	1
1907	Iwakiri, Yosuke	1st Yr. Omuta, M.E. Church	1
1907	Nohara, Matsu	1st Yr. Okinawa-ken, Nago, M. E. Church	1
1907	Okayasu, Keisuke	1st Yr. Nagasaki, Bungo-machi	1
1904	Ten San-Si	2nd Yr. Central China	4
1904	Trindle, John R.	3rd Yr. Wuhu, China	4
1904	Yang Teh-Yuin	2nd Yr. Central China	4

SUPPLIES.

Fujioka, K.	Wakamatsu, M. E. Church
Hika, T.	Okinawa-ken, Yontanzan
Narita, Yasufusa	Kumamoto-ken, Yatsushiro-machi, M. E. Church.

Standing Committees :

BENEVOLENCES :—

T. Chiga, T. Nakamura, E. H. Fretz.

SELF-SUPPORT :—

C. Nakayama, S. Kawashima, Y. Tsuda, H. B. Schwartz.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS :—

T. Harada, K. Ijichi, T. Otake.

EDUCATION AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE :—

U. Sasamori, K. Kawase, E. R. Fulkerson, H. B. Schwartz.

MISSIONS (Redistribution) :—

The Presiding Elders.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS :—

K. Kozaka, K. Murai, H. B. Schwartz, F. N. Scott.

Special Committees :

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REDISTRIBUTION :—

T. Otake, K. Murai, Y. Tsuda, S. Kawashima.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISTIC WORK :—

C. Nakayama, T. Chiga, T. Harada, T. Nakamura.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE :—

W. de L. Kingsbury, T. Oho.

AUDITING THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS :—

F. N. Scott, K. Kawase.

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES :—

T. Harada, A. E. Rigby.

CONFERENCE TRAVEL EXPENSES :—

H. B. Schwartz, S. Watanabe, C. Nakayama, S. Kawashima,
A. D. Berry.

VISITORS TO CHINZEI GAKUIN :—

T. Nakamura, T. Chiga.

FRATERNAL DELEGATES TO THE JAPAN CONFERENCE :—

U. Sasamori, E. H. Fretz.

COMMITTEE ON GOKYO :—

A. D. Berry, T. Otake.

EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION :—

K. Kosaka, U. Sasamori, A. D. Berry, C. Nakayama, T. Nakamura,
E. H. Fretz.

TO ENCOURAGE SELF-SUPPORT :—

U. Sasamori, J. M. Suganuma.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR PASTORS :—

W. de L. Kingsbury, H. B. Schwartz, U. Sasamori, C. Nakayama,
T. Nakamura.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN :—

C. Nakayama, H. B. Schwartz, J. M. Suganuma, K. Kosaka,
F. N. Scott.

RESOLUTIONS :—

F. N. Scott, T. Nakamura.

TO FIX THE PLACE OF THE NEXT CONFERENCE :—

U. Sasamori, J. C. Davison, K. Kosaka.

INTERPRETERS :—

U. Sasamori, S. Kawashima.

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## Special Appointments.

**TO PREACH THE MISSIONARY SERMON :—**

K. Kawase, Alternate, F. N. Scott.

**TRIERS OF APPEALS :—**

C. Nakayama, U. Sasamori, H. B. Schwartz, T. Nakamura,  
A. D. Berry.



## Conference Boards.

### EXAMINERS :—

J. C. Davison, H. B. Schwartz, U. Sasamori, C. Nakayama, E. R. Fulkerson, K. Kawase, A. E. Rigby, T. Nakamura, T. Chiga.

### BOARD OF STEWARDS :—

J. C. Davison, T. Ijichi, C. Nakayama, K. Kosaka, H. B. Schwartz.

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## Conference Societies.

### CHURCH EXTENSION :—

Pres., K. Kosaka ; Sec., C. Nakayama ; Treas., U. Sasamori.

### EDUCATION :—

Pres., W. de L. Kingsbury ; Vice-Pres., K. Kawase ; Sec., K. Ijichi ;  
Treas., A. D. Berry.

### HOME MISSIONS :—

Pres., C. Nakayama ; Sec., S. Kawashima ; Treas., K. Kosaka.

### PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY :—

Pres., U. Sasamori ; Sec. T. Nakamura ; Treas., A. D. Berry.  
Councillors—T. Chiga, K. Kosaka, K. Kawase.

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## Special Boards, etc.

### BOARD OF MANAGERS OF CHINZEI GAKUIN :—

Term expires 1908 : T. Chiga, F. N. Scott.

Term expires 1909 : U. Sasamori, E. H. Fretz.

Term expires 1910 : C. Nakayama, W. de L. Kingsbury.

Executive Committee : U. Sasamori, F. N. Scott, W. de L. Kingsbury.

## DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE:—

*Ministerial Delegates*:—U. Sasamori, J. C. Davison, E. Fulkerson,  
K. Kosaka, S. Kawashima.

*Alternates*:—C. Nakayama, A. E. Rigby.

*Provisional Delegates*:—C. Nakayama, T. Chiga, K. Kawase,  
A. E. Rigby.

*Provisional Reserves*:—T. Nakamura, H. B. Schwartz.

*Lay Delegates*:—J. M. Saganuma, S. Toyama, Dr. S. Tanaka,  
Miss E. Russell, S. Koba.

*Alternate Lay Delegates*:—Miss Mabel K. Seeds, S. Narita.

## JURIDICAL PERSON:—

Pres., U. Sasamori.

Sec., J. M. Saganuma.

Treas., E. R. Fulkerson.

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### Conference Officers.

Bishop Earl Cranston }  
Bishop M. C. Harris } Presiding Bishops.

A. E. Rigby, T. Hara la, Secretaries.

E. H. Fretz, Statistical Secretary and Treasurer.

K. Kawase, Assistant Statistical Secretary.

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## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

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|                                          | 1906  | 1907  |
|------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Members of Conference :—Missionaries ... | 9     | 10    |
| Japanese ...                             | 15    | 17    |
| Conference Probationers ... ..           | 5     | 7     |
| „ Supplies ... ..                        | 2     | 3     |
| Missionaries of the W.F.M.S. ... ..      | 13    | 12    |
| Church Members ... ..                    | 1,138 | 1,198 |
| Probationers ... ..                      | 266   | 310   |
| Baptisms : Adults ... ..                 | 213   | 231   |
| „ Children ... ..                        | 25    | 15    |
| Sunday Schools ... ..                    | 40    | 37    |
| „ School Scholars ... ..                 | 2,657 | 3,047 |
| „ „ Officers and Teachers ...            | 140   | 145   |

### FINANCIAL.

|                                     | Yen.       | Yen.     |
|-------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Church Building and Improvement ... | 376.79     | 320.50   |
| Old Indebtedness Paid ... ..        | 26.00      | 15.00    |
| Pastoral Support ... ..             | 1,847.97   | 1,841.22 |
| Current Expenses ... ..             | 555.02     | 603.32   |
| Sunday School Expenses ... ..       | 123.98     | 198.42   |
| Benevolent Collections ... ..       | 319.99     | 418.78   |
| Other Collections ... ..            | 265.60     | 429.99   |
|                                     |            |          |
| Increase :—Full Members ... ..      |            | 60       |
| Probationers ... ..                 |            | 44       |
| Baptisms—Adults ... ..              |            | 18       |
| Benevolent Collections ...          | Yen 101.21 |          |

# JOURNAL.

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## FIRST DAY.

*Thursday, April 18th, 1907.*

The South Japan Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met for its Ninth Session in Wesley Church, Nagasaki, on Thursday, April 18th, 1907, at nine o'clock in the morning. Bishop Earl Cranston presided, Bishops M. C. Harris and Cyrus D. Foss occupying the platform with him.

Bishop Cranston announced Hymn No. 145, after the singing of which J. C. Davison and K. Kosaka led in prayer. Bishop Harris read the Scripture lesson from John 13; 1-17. Hymn No. 217 was sung. The Lord's Supper was administered by Bishop Foss, assisted by Bishops Cranston and Harris and the Presiding Elders.

Bishop Cranston addressed the Conference, referring to his pleasant relations with Japan during his administration here some years ago, and giving greetings from the Home Church. He then asked Bishop Foss to say a few words, which he did.

**The following visitors were introduced:—**Mrs. Foss, Mr. Morse, General Sec. of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, Rev. W. R. Lambuth, D.D., General Secretary of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church South and one of the Commissioners of that Church on the Union of Methodism in Japan. A letter of greeting was read from Bishop David H. Moore.

**Roll Call:—**The Secretary of the last Conference, A. E. Rigby, called the roll, twenty one members and probationers responding.

**Transfer:—**Bishop Cranston announced the transfer from the California Conference of W. de L. Kingsbury, a deacon in the third year's studies, and elected to Elder's orders under the Missionary Rule.

**Organization :—**The Conference completed its organization by the election of officers as follows ; English Secretary, A. E. Rigby ; Japanese Secretary, T. Harada ; Statistical Secretary and Treasurer, E. H. Fretz ; Assistant, K. Kawase.

**Standing Committees :—**J. C. Davision reported nominations for the Standing Committees and they were elected as follows ;

**BENEVOLENCES :—**

T. Chiga, T. Nakamura, E. H. Fretz.

**SELF-SUPPORT :—**

C. Nakayama, S. Kawashima, Y. Tsuda, H. B. Schwartz.

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS :—**

K. Ijichi, T. Otake.

**EDUCATION AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE :—**

U. Sasamori, K. Kawase, E. R. Fulkerson, H. B. Schwartz.

**MISSIONS (REDISTRIBUTION) :—**

The Presiding Elders.

**CONFERENCE RELATIONS :—**

K. Kosaka, K. Murai, H. B. Schwartz, F. N. Scott.

**Interpreters :—**U. Sasamori and S. Kawashima were elected Conference Interpreters.

**Reports and Resolutions :—**On motion of the Secretary, it was ordered that all reports and resolutions be presented in both English and Japanese before being received

**Program :—**The time of the Conference sessions for Friday and Saturday was fixed at 10 a.m. to 12.30, and from 3 to 5 p.m.

K. Kosaka moved that the Missionary sermon be given at 2 p.m. to-day, the Statistical Session at 2 p.m. to-morrow.

A. D. Berry moved as an amendment that the Missionary sermon be given at 2 p.m. to-day, to be followed by the Statistical Session.

W. de L. Kingsbury moved as a substitute that the Statistical Session be held at 2 p.m. to-day to be followed by a Conference Session.

The substitute being lost, Mr. Berry accepted a substitute to his amendment, fixing the Statistical Session to-day at 3 p.m. followed by the Missionary sermon at 4 o'clock.

**Translation Committee:**—A special committee was appointed to translate reports and resolutions, A. Eguchi, H. B. Schwartz, T. Chiga.

**Reports:**—Bishop Cranston asked Bishop Harris to take the chair. Question Thirteen was called. J. C. Davison's character was passed and he read his report as Presiding Elder of the Central District.

T. Chiga and S. Watanabe were called, their characters passed, and they gave their reports. Y. Tsuda was called and his character passed.

**Adjournment:**—The Doxology was sung and Bishop Harris pronounced the benediction.

**Statistical Session:**—The Statistical Session of the Conference was held at 3 p.m., J. C. Davison presiding. The pastors presented their reports.

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## SECOND DAY.

*Friday, April 19th, 1907.*

**Opening:**—The devotional meeting was held at 9.30 a.m. led by H. B. Schwartz. At 10 o'clock Bishop Cranston called the Conference to order for the business session. The Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

**Introductions:**—Dr. H. H. Lowry of our North China Conference, Mr. F. A. Arter of Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Oliver J. Krause of North China, S. Koba of Kagoshima, S. Hamada of Kokubu, Dr. Tanaka of Yanagawa, S. Narita of Yatsushiro, Mrs. Oshima of Kumamoto, Mrs. Yamaki of Omura, were introduced to the Conference.

**Conference Bar:**—On motion of C. Nakayama the first five rows of seats were fixed as the Conference Bar.

**Reports:**—K. Kosaka was called and his character passed. His report not being translated into English, S. Kawashima moved that he be permitted to read it in Japanese, the English translation to be presented to the Secretary before the adjournment of Conference. This passed and Bro. Kosaka read his report as Presiding Elder of the Northern District.

S. Kawase and T. Otake were called, their characters passed, and each reported the number of baptisms and the amount raised for self-support.

**Translation Committee:**—On motion of T. Chiga, the duties of the Translation Committee were defined to be the translating only of such reports as are otherwise unprovided for.

**Special Committees:**—S. Kawashima moved the appointment of a committee to make nominations for special committees. This was ordered and T. Chiga, K. Kawase, T. Nakamura, and C. Nakayama were appointed.

**Invitation:**—An invitation was presented from Miss Young, President of Kwassui Jo Gakko, requesting the Conference to visit their chapel at 11.30 a.m. to-day. A vote of thanks was given, on motion of H. B. Schwartz, but the invitation could not be accepted owing to the business of the Conference.

**Reports:**—F. N. Scott was called, his character passed, and he reported as Presiding Elder of the Southern District.

T. Nakamura, K. Murai, T. Ijichi (Ichichi) were called, their character passed and each reported.

J. C. Davison's character was passed and he read his report for the Western District.

C. Nakayama, S. Kawashima, U. Sasamori, E. R. Fulkerson, A. E. Rigby, S. Yoshioka, H. B. Schwartz, and E. H. Fretz were passed in character.

**Introductions:**—Prof. Harlan P. Beach, Professor of Missions in Yale University, was introduced and spoke briefly.

Bishop Cranston requested Bishop Harris to take the chair.

Dr. J. W. Lambuth spoke, bringing greetings from the Church South. Bishop Harris then led in singing hymn No. 157.

**Program:**—C. Nakayama announced the meetings of the Conference Societies at 5 o'clock this afternoon, preaching at Ginya-machi Church and at Akunoura at 7.30 this evening.

**Greetings:**—Fraternal telegrams were read from representatives of the Japan Conference, S. Ogata and K. Ishizaka.

**The Order of the Day :—**H. B. Schwartz moved to fix the time for the election of delegates to the General Conference for to-morrow at 3 o'clock p.m., the Lay Electoral Conference to be received at 4.30 o'clock

**Book Concern Dividend :—**Bishop Cranston announced the receipt of the Book Concern draft of \$207.00 U.S. Gold. On motion of A. E. Rigby this was ordered made payable to the Conference Treasurer.

**Chinzei Gakuin Constitution :—**T. Chiga offered the following resolution, which was adopted :—

In view of the impending union of Methodisms in Japan,

Resolved, that, after the meeting of the General Conference in May, the Board of Managers of Chinzei Gakuin be empowered, if consistent with the plan of Union, to propose such amendments to the Constitution of the school as may be necessary to harmonize it with the new conditions then existing, such amendments to take effect on being ratified by the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

**Adjournment :—**The doxology was sung, Bishop Cranston pronounced the benediction, and the Conference adjourned.

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## AFTERNOON SESSION.

*Friday, April 19th, 1907.*

**Opening :—**Bishop Harris called the Conference to order at 3 p.m. and asked Y. Tsuda to lead in prayer.

The Minutes of the morning session, in English and Japanese, were read and approved.

Bishop Cranston then took the chair.

**The Seventh Question :—**Who have been admitted into full connection?

T. Oho was called, his character passed, and he was recommended by his Presiding Elder, F. N. Scott.

Den San-Si, Yang Teh-Yuin were continued in studies of the Second year.



John R. Trindle was passed in character, his examinations reported as having been passed before his Presiding Elder in Central China, and he was passed to studies of the Third Year. No statement having been received as to his answering the Disciplinary Questions, he was not recommended for admission into full connection.

A. Eguchi was called, and recommended by his Presiding Elder.

T. Oho and A. Eguchi were questioned before the Conference as required by the Discipline. Bishop Cranston addressed them briefly. They were then admitted into full connection by vote of the Conference, elected to Deacons' Orders and advanced to the Third Year's Studies.

**Introductions:**—Dr. J. F. Goucher, President of Baltimore Women's College was called forward and introduced.

**Special Committees:**—C. Nakayama read the nominations for Special Committees and they were elected as follows:—

Advisory Committee on Redistribution,

T. Otake, K. Murai, Y. Tsuda, S. Kawashima.

Advisory Committee on Evangelistic Work,

C. Nakayama, T. Chiga, T. Harada, T. Nakamura.

Correspondence Committee,

W. de L. Kingsbury, T. Oho.

Auditing Treasurer's Accounts,

F. N. Scott, K. Kawase.

Publication of Minutes,

T. Harada, A. E. Rigby.

Conference Travel Expenses,

H. B. Schwartz, S. Watanabe.

Visitors to Chinzei Gakuin,

T. Nakamura, T. Chiga.

Fraternal Delegates to Japan Conference,

U. Sasamori, E. H. Fretz.

Board of Stewards,

J. C. Davison, T. Ijichi, C. Nakayama, K. Kosaka,  
H. B. Schwartz.

Gokyo Committee,

A. D. Berry, T. Otake.

Member of Publishing Committee,

A. D. Berry.

**Disciplinary Questions :—**Questions Two and Three were called, and the answer in each case was None.

The Fourth Question, Who have been received on Trial? There being some recommendations, H. B. Schwartz moved that these be referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

T. Chiga moved as a substitute that a special Committee be appointed to consider the candidates for Admission on Trial. The substitute prevailed.

Question 5, Who have been continued on Trial?

In Studies of the Second Year, Den San-Si, Yang Teh-Yuin.

In Studies of the Third Year, John R. Trindle.

Questions 6, 7, and 8 were asked, and the answer in every case was None.

Question 9, What Members are in Studies of the Fourth Year?

Suenoshin Kawashima was represented by the Examining Board, his grades read, and on motion of his Presiding Elder, J. C. Davison, he was graduated from the Course of Study and elected to Elders' Orders.

Questions 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23 were asked and the answer in every case was None.

Question 12, What others have been elected and ordained Elders?

Under the Missionary Rule, Willard de L. Kingsbury, elected to Elders' Orders by the Texas Conference, transferred to the California Conference, thence to this Conference.

**Admission to Conference :—**The Special Committee to examine into the candidates for admission on Trial was named, K. Kosaka, U. Sasamori, A. D. Berry, C. Nayayama, T. Nakamura, E. H. Fretz.

**Order of Election :—**W. de L. Kingsbury moved that, in the election of delegates to the General Conference, as fixed for to-morrow afternoon, the one receiving the highest number of votes be considered the delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America next year, in case the Union is not consummated, the one receiving the second highest number of votes to be the alternate. Carried.

**Invitation :—**J. C. Davison announced an invitation for the Conference to attend the wedding of Mr. Oliver J. Krause of our North China Mission, to Miss Lankford, in the chapel of Kwassui Jo Gakko this evening at 7 o'clock. The doxology was sung and Bishop Cranston pronounced the benediction.

On the first ballot, C. Nakayama, K. Kawase and T. Chiga each receiving 12 votes out of a total of 22, were declared elected.

Second ballot, no election. W. de L. Kingsbury moved that, in case there be no election on the third ballot, the vote on succeeding ballots be from the two highest. On the third ballot T. Nakamura and A. E. Rigby each receiving 6 votes were the candidates for the next ballot. The ballot being taken, A. E. Rigby received 15 of the 22 votes cast and was elected.

S. Kawashima moved that, in case the provisional delegates are not seated, if there be a vacancy in the regular delegation, the Missionary provisional be the alternate for a Missionary and the senior Japanese provisional be the alternate for a Japanese delegate. Carried.

A ballot being taken for provisional reserves, and there being no election, the Secretary was ordered to cast the vote of the Conference for the two receiving the highest number of votes, H. B. Schwartz and T. Nakamura being declared elected.

**Adjournment:**—The doxology was sung and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Harris.

## FOURTH DAY.

*Monday, April 22nd, 1907.*

**Opening:**—The Conference prayer meeting was held at 9.30 in the morning.

At 10 o'clock Bishop Harris called the Conference to order, announcing hymn No. 25, which was sung.

The Minutes of the afternoon session, both English and Japanese, were read and approved.

**Statistics:**—E. H. Fretz presented the Statistical Report. (See statistics.)

**Board of Stewards:**—J. C. Davison reported for the Board of Stewards. (See reports).

**Change of Course of Study:**—J. C. Davison moved that W. de L. Kingsbury be permitted to substitute the Local Preachers' Course for

the regular Course in the last two years. Carried. J. C. Davison then presented the credits of Bro. Kingsbury in the Third Year and he was passed into the Studies of the Fourth Year with one conditional.

**Request** :—On motion of A. D. Berry, it was requested that Tamezo Harada be left without appointment to attend one of our schools in the United States.

Bishop Cranston took the chair.

**Collection** :—S. Kawashima moved that we take a collection for Conference expenses. This was ordered, and Yen 5.30 announced as the result.

**Introductions** :—Hon. Earl Cranston, U.S. District Attorney, Denver, Colorado, son of Bishop Cranston, was introduced and spoke briefly.

The Revs. Newell and Warren of the Congregational Mission in Japan, and Mr. E. R. S. Pardon, Editor of the "Nagasaki Press," were introduced.

**Vote on Constitutional Amendments** :—Bishop Cranston presented the amendment, proposed by the Illinois Conference, to Paragraph 38, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Church, as follows :—Resolved, That we as Lay and Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, respectfully memorialize our next General Conference, convening in 1908, to so alter Part II., Article II., Paragraph 38, Section 1, lines 4 and 5, of our constitution by striking out the words 'fourteen' and 'forty-five,' and inserting the words 'twenty-five' and 'seventy-five,' thus causing the entire section to read as follows :—

"Each Annual Conference shall be entitled to at least one ministerial delegate. The General Conference shall not allow more than one ministerial delegate for every twenty-five members of an Annual Conference, nor less than one for every seventy-five, but for a fraction of two-thirds or more of the number fixed by the General Conference as the ratio of representation an Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional delegate."

The vote stood, for, 19 ; against, 1.

Bishop Cranston also submitted the Amendment, proposed by the General Conference of 1904, to the Third Restrictive Rule, Paragraph 46, Section 3 ; Strike out all that follows the disjunctive 'but' and insert

the words, 'may elect a Bishop or Bishops for work among particular races and languages, or for any of our Foreign Missions, limiting their Episcopal jurisdiction to the same respectively,' so that the whole paragraph shall read:

'The General Conference shall not change or alter any part or rule of our government so as to do away Episcopacy, nor destroy the plan of our itinerant General Superintendency; but may elect a Bishop or Bishops for work among particular races and languages, or for any of our Foreign Missions, limiting their Episcopal jurisdiction to the same respectively.'

The vote on this stood, for 21; against 0.

**Time of Afternoon Session:**—W. de L. Kingsbury moved that, when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock p.m. Carried.

**Request:**—On motion of K. Kosaka, it was voted to request that A. Eguchi be left without appointment to attend Aoyama Theological School.

T. Nakamura made a statement of the need of a new church in Kagoshima and of the plans of the people there to raise money for the same.

**Evangelistic Work:**—C. Nakayama read the report of the Special Committee on Evangelistic Work, and it was received and referred to the Bishops. (See reports.)

**Benevolences:**—T. Chiga presented the report for the Committee on Benevolences. (See reports.)

**Auditing Committee:**—F. N. Scott reported. (See reports.)

**Self-Support:**—The Committee on Self-support reported through Y. Tsuda.

H. B. Schwartz moved that the discussion of this report be the order of the day immediately after the meeting with the Women's Conference this afternoon, and this was carried.

**Dr. J. F. Goucher:**—Dr. Goucher addressed the Conference, expressing deep satisfaction at what he has seen in Japan, and urging the need of increased efforts in self-support as the responsibility of evangelization falls on the church here.

The Conference extended to Dr. Goucher, by a rising vote, hearty thanks for his encouraging words.

**Adjournment:**—The doxology was sung and Bi-hop Harris pronounced the benediction.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

*Monday, April 22nd, 1907.*

**Opening:**—At 2 p.m. Bishop Harris took the chair, hymn No. 162 was sung and C. Nakayama led in prayer.

Bishop Harris then introduced Bishop Foss, who gave an interesting account of the India Jubilee, which he attended.

Hymn No. 157 was sung, and Bishop Harris asked Bishop Foss to preside while the report was given from the Women's Conference. Miss Alice Finlay gave a report of the Women's work.

**Recess:**—At 3.30 a recess of fifteen minutes was taken and the Conference was photographed.

**Minutes:**—At 3.45, the Conference again assembled and the Minutes of the morning session were approved, both English and Japanese.

Bishop Cranston took the chair.

**Order of the Day:**—The order of the day was called for, and the report of the Committee on Self-support was adopted. (See reports.)

On motion of C. Nakayama, the committee to encourage self-support was continued from last year; U. Sasamori, with J. M. Suganuma as alternate.

**Interpreters' Duties:**—It was voted that one of the interpreters be requested to sit on the platform all the time.

**Admission on Trial:**—The calling of the candidates for Admission on Trial was made the order of the day to-morrow morning immediately after the reading of the Journal, and they were notified to that effect.

**Question 24:**—Who are the Triers of Appeals? The following were elected; C. Nakayama, U. Sasamori, H. B. Schwartz, T. Nakamura, A. D. Berry.

**The Thirtieth Question:**—Where shall the next Conference be held? The place of the next meeting was left in the hands of a Committee consisting of U. Sasamori, J. C. Davison, K. Kosaka.

**Board of Managers of Chinzei Gakuin:**—The terms of office of two members of the Board of Managers of Chinzei College, C. Nakayama and A. E. Rigby, expiring this year, an election was ordered resulting in the re-election of C. Nakayama for the term of three years, and W. de L. Kingsbury to succeed Mr. Rigby.

E. R. Fulkerson announced his resignation from the Board of Managers and E. H. Fretz was elected to fill out his unexpired term of two years.

**Summer School:**—A motion made by W. de L. Kingsbury was carried ordering the appointment of a committee of five to plan for a Summer School for the pastors, the committee to report to the Conference.

W. de L. Kingsbury, H. B. Schwartz, U. Sasamori, C. Nakayama, T. Nakamura were appointed.

**Conference Travel:**—H. B. Schwartz requested that three be added to the Committee on Conference Travel expenses, and C. Nakayama, S. Kawashima, A. D. Berry were added.

**Adjournment:**—On motion of H. B. Schwartz, the Conference adjourned to meet to-morrow at 1.30 p.m.

## FIFTH DAY.

*Tuesday, April 23rd, 1907.*

**Opening:**—At 1.30 p.m. Bro. Kawase led a short devotional service, after which Bishop Cranston took the chair and called the Conference to order. The English and Japanese Minutes of Monday afternoon were read and approved.

**Admission on Trial:**—The order of the day was taken up and the candidates for admission on trial were asked to retire, their names being read as follows; Yosuke Iwakiri, Taichi Inouye, Keisuke Okayasu, Matsu Nohara.

The grades of these men were read, they were recommended by the committee, and were received on trial.

**Conference Relations:**—K. Murai presented the report of the Committee on Conference Relations. The Conference went into executive session to discuss the report, and after discussion it was adopted. (See reports.)

The Committee called for was appointed, C. Nakayama, T. Chiga, S. Kawashima, K. Kawase, J. C. Davison.

S. Kawashima reported on the publication of the Japanese Minutes of last year, and the deficit of 97 sen was ordered paid from the Conference collection.

**Question 27:**—What are the claims on the Conference Fund? Yen 478 was reported as the amount needed.

**Question 28:**—What has been received on these claims and how has it been applied? Yen 633.44. (For application see Conference Stewards' report.)

**Question 26:**—What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? Yen 418.78.

**Education and Christian Literature:**—H. B. Schwartz reported for this committee, and with a few amendments and additions it was adopted. (See reports.)

Bishop Cranston here asked Bishop Harris to take the chair.

After some discussion of the Gokyo, it was voted to refer the matter to the General Conference delegates.

**Summer School:**—W. de L. Kingsbury presented the report of the Committee on Summer School for pastors, which was adopted. (See reports.)

**Evangelistic Campaign:**—K. Kosaka offered a resolution that the Conference appoint a committee of five to arrange an Evangelistic campaign during the coming year. This was carried and the following appointed; C. Nakayama, H. B. Schwartz, J. M. Suganuma, K. Kosaka, F. N. Scott.

**Financial Agent:**—U. Sasamori presented a resolution from the Board of Managers of Chinzei Gakuin requesting that, as E. R. Fulkerson is forced to return to the United States for his health, he be appointed as Financial Agent for the school, to take up his duties as soon as his health will permit. This resolution was approved and referred to the Bishops.

**Resolutions:**—F. N. Scott and T. Nakamura were appointed Committee on Resolutions.

**Adjournment:**—The doxology was sung, Bishop Harris pronounced the benediction, and the Conference adjourned to meet this evening at 8 o'clock.



## EVENING SESSION.

*Tuesday, April 23rd, 1907.*

**Opening:**—Bishop Harris called the Conference to order at 8 p.m. After the singing of hymn No. 147, E. H. Fretz and K. Kosaka led in prayer.

The Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Bishop Cranston took the chair.

**Visitors to Chinzei College:**—K. Kosaka reported for the Conference Visitors to Chinzei Gakuin. (See reports.)

**Resolutions:**—T. Nakamura presented a series of resolutions of thanks, which were adopted by a rising vote. (See resolutions.)

**Official Minutes:**—The English Minutes were made the Official Record of the Conference.

**Adjournment:**—Bishop Harris read John 17: 11-25, after which Bishop Cranston addressed the Conference, speaking especially of the Union Question.

A. E. Rigby moved that, after the reading of the Journal and the giving of the appointments, the Conference adjourn *sine die*, and this was ordered.

The Minutes of the Evening Session, both English and Japanese, were read and approved. Bishop Harris addressed the Conference and read the appointments.

The doxology was sung, Bishop Cranston pronounced the benediction, and the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

*Earl Cranston*

*M. C. Harris,*

*Presiding Bishops.*

## CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This certifies that, on the 21st day of April, 1907, I ordained, under the election of the South Japan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Nagasaki, Japan, Atsuo Eguchi and Tomiya Oho as Deacons.

*M. C. Harris,*

*Presiding Bishop.*

## CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This certifies that, on the 21st day of April, 1907, I ordained, at Nagasaki, Japan, assisted by Elders, under the election of the South Japan Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Suenoshin Kawashima, and, under the election of the Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Willard de Lamater Kingsbury, as Elders.

*Earl Cranston*

*Presiding Bishop.*

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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1.—Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?

WILLARD DE L. KINGSBURY, a Deacon in Third Year studies, from the California Conference, elected to Elders' Orders by the Texas Conference, to be ordained here.

2.—Who have been Readmitted?—*None*.

3.—Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?  
—*None*.

4.—Who have been Received on Trial?

(a).—In Studies of First Year.

TAICHI INOUE.

YOSUKE IWAKIRI.

MATSU NOHARA.

KEISUKE OKAYASU.

5.—Who have been Continued on Trial?

(b).—In Studies of Second Year.

DEN SAN-SI.

YANG TEH-YUEN.

(c).—In Studies of Third Year.

JOHN R. TRINDLE.

6.—Who have been Discontinued?—*None*.

7.—Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?

(a).—Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.

ATSUO EGUCHI.

TOMIYA OHO.

8.—What Members are in Studies of Third Year?

(a).—Admitted into Full Membership this year.

ATSUO EGUCHI.

TOMIYA OHO.

(b).—Admitted into Full Membership previously.

JOHN F. WILSON.

9.—What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?—

TAMEZO HARADA.

WILLARD DE L. KINGSBURY.

10.—What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study ?

(a).—Elected and Ordained Elders this year.

SUENOSHIN KAWASHIMA.

11.—What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons ?—*None.*

12.—What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders ?

(b).—Under Missionary Rule.

WILLARD DE L. KINGSBURY, elected to Elders' Orders by the Texas Conference, transferred to the California Conference, thence to this Conference.

13.—Was the Character of each Preacher examined ?

This was done in open Conference as the name of each was called.

14.—Who have been Transferred, and to what Conference ?—*None.*

15.—Who have Died ?—*None.*

16.—Who have been Located at their own Request ?—*None.*

17.—Who have been Located ?—*None.*

18.—Who have Withdrawn ?—*None.*

19.—Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints ?—*None.*

20.—Who have been Expelled ?—*None.*

21.—What other personal Notation should be made ?—*None.*

22.—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers ?—*None.*

23.—Who are the Superannuated Preachers ?—*None.*

24.—Who are the Triers of Appeals ?

C. NAKAYAMA, U. SASAMORI, H. B. SCHWARTZ, T. NAKAMURA, A. D. BERRY.

25.—What is the Statistical Report for this year ?

(See Statistics.)

26.—What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer ?  
—Yen 418.78.

27.—What are the Claims on the Conference Fund ?—Yen 478.

28.—What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied ?—Yen 633.44. (See Board of Stewards' Report.)

29.—Where are the Preachers Stationed ?

See Appointments.

30.—Where shall the Next Conference be held ?

Referred to a Committee.

## APPOINTMENTS OF SOUTH JAPAN CONFERENCE.

### FUKUOKA DISTRICT.

K. Kosaka, Presiding Elder, residence, Kokura.

|                              |     |     |     |                         |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------|
| Fukuoka and Hakata           | ... | ... | ... | K. Kawase.              |
| Fukuoka, Resident Missionary | ... | ... | ... | E. H. Fretz.            |
| Koga and Fukuma              | ... | ... | ... | To be supplied.         |
| Koyanose and Nogata          | ... | ... | ... | T. Otake.               |
| Moji and Kokura              | ... | ... | ... | K. Kosaka.              |
| Wakamatsu                    | ... | ... | ... | Supplied by K. Fujioka. |

A. D. Berry, Vice Dean of Aoyama Theological School, Member of Moji Quarterly Conference.

T. Harada, left without appointment to attend some one of our schools, Member of Wakamatsu Quarterly Conference.

### KAGOSHIMA-LOO CHOO ISLANDS DISTRICT.

H. B. Schwartz, Presiding Elder, residence, Naha.

|                   |     |     |     |     |                      |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------------|
| Kagoshima         | ... | ... | ... | ... | T. Nakamura.         |
| Kajiki            | ... | ... | ... | ... | To be Supplied.      |
| Kokubu            | ... | ... | ... | ... | T. Inouye.           |
| Nago              | ... | ... | ... | ... | M. Nohara.           |
| Naha              | ... | ... | ... | ... | K. Murai.            |
| Shuri             | ... | ... | ... | ... | T. Oho.              |
| Yontanzan Circuit | ... | ... | ... | ... | Supplied by T. Hika. |
| Sendai            | ... | ... | ... | ... | K. Ijichi.           |

A. Eguchi, left without appointment to attend some one of our schools, Member of Kagoshima Quarterly Conference.

## KUMAMOTO DISTRICT.

J. C. Davison, Presiding Elder, residence, Kumamoto.

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|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------------|
| Kumamoto            | ... | ... | ... | ... | T. Chiga.              |
| Kurume              | ... | ... | ... | ... | Y. Tsuda.              |
| Omura               | ... | ... | ... | ... | Y. Iwakiri.            |
| Yamaga and Waifu... | ... | ... | ... | ... | S. Watanabe.           |
| Yatsushiro          | ... | ... | ... | ... | Supplied by S. Narita. |

## NAGASAKI DISTRICT.

C. Nakayama, Presiding Elder, residence, Omura.

Nagasaki :—

|                               |     |     |     |     |               |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|
| Central Church                | ... | ... | ... | ... | S. Kawashima. |
| Wesley Church                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | K. Kawasaki.  |
| Wesley Church Mission Circuit | ... | ... | ... | ... | K. Okayasu.   |
| Omura and Isahaya             | ... | ... | ... | ... | C. Nakayama.  |

U. Sasamori, President ; F. N. Scott, Dean of the College and Principal of the Academy ; W. de L. Kingsbury, Professor, in Chinzei Gakuin, all members of Wesley Quarterly Conference.

M. K. W. Heicher, Lay Teacher, Professor in Chinzei Gakuin.

E. R. Fulkerson, Financial Agent of Chinzei Gakuin.

A. E. Rigby, on furlough to U.S.A.

S. Yoshioka, Pacific Japanese Mission, Seattle, Washington.

J. F. Wilson, J. R. Trindle, Missionaries in Central China.

J. Johanson, Ten San-Si, Yang Teh-Yuin, Missionaries in West China.

To preach the Missionary Sermon, K. Kawase ; Alternate, F. N. Scott.

## APPOINTMENTS—SOUTH JAPAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

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### I.—EVANGELISTIC WORK.

#### NORTH KYUSHU DISTRICT:

L. Alice Finlay, Superintendent (Residence, Fukuoka).

#### SOUTH KYUSHU DISTRICT:

Lida B. Smith, Superintendent (Residence, Kagoshima).

Hortense Long (Residence, Kagoshima).

Jean M. Gbeer (Home on furlough).

### II.—EDUCATIONAL WORK.

#### EIWA JO GAKKO, FUKUOKA.

Mabel K. Seeds, Principal; L. Alice Finlay.

New lady, to be supplied.

#### KWASSUI JO GAKKO, NAGASAKI.

Mariana Young, President.

Elizabeth Russell.

Lola M. Kidwell.

Hettie A. Thomas.

Mary E. Melton, Biblical Department.

Mary A. Cody, Kindergarten Normal Department.

#### CHILDREN'S HOME, OMURA.

Elizabeth Russell.

#### DIRECTING FACULTY.

Elizabeth Russell,

Mariana Young,

Mabel K. Seeds,

Mary E. Melton,

Lola M. Kidwell,

Hettie A. Thomas,

L. Alice Finlay,

Mary A. Cody.

## KYUSHU CENTRAL DISTRICT.

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J. C. DAVISON, Presiding Elder.

It is with mingled feelings of gratitude and anxiety that I come to report upon the condition of the churches committed to my care during the past year.

For more than a third of a century it has been my privilege to labor in various parts of Japan, but chiefly in the territory now embraced within the bounds of the South Japan Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. My gratitude arises from the fact that without even an inquirer to begin with, we have to-day in Japan, a church of several thousand members together with well-equipped schools of a distinctively religious character for both sexes, and a flourishing religious publishing house to meet the growing needs of the church of the future; and especially am I grateful for the earnest desire on the part of so many of our leading preachers and people for a United Methodism in which they themselves are to assume the responsibilities incident to the Government and early support of the church in their own land. Their request for such control has been heard and granted, and at the close of the session of the General Conference soon to assemble in Tokyo the history of the Japan Methodist Church will begin and we pray that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it may ever continue to increase in the exercise of faith and Christian duty until the coming of the perfect day. My anxiety is from a fear of the possibility of the withdrawal of the aid, hitherto granted by the church at home, faster than the new organization may find itself able to meet the existing financial burdens and future extension of the work. But if these added responsibilities shall happily engender a correspondingly greater consecration of the lives and property of all professing to be followers of our divine Lord, then shall I feel content that this report shall be my last under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Japan.

At our last Annual Session this District was enlarged by the addition of Kurume, formerly belonging to the Kyushu West District. No serious embarrassment has occurred from sickness on the part of the workers, yet our net results in baptisms are not quite equal to those of last year, except in a few cases.



The pledges of financial support have as a rule been met but I am sorry to say that it has been found impossible to record a substantial advance for the year to come. All recognize the need of greater generosity in view of the added responsibilities to follow the organization of the new church in May, but no one is yet able to see how it is to be done. The fact is that though the roar of cannon and the clash of arms have ceased the aftermath of a great war is being felt as never before in both direct and indirect taxation making it most difficult for many to meet their regular obligations to the benevolent work of the church. Additional workers are greatly needed and a number of men more or less qualified are not wanting but the constant rise in price of the actual necessities of life forbids any reduction in our present scale of salaries and therefore great caution will be required in regard to the employment of new men.

Many of our members are not as steady in their attendance at public worship as they should be and yet it is gratifying to note that hearers keep adding to the size of our ordinary congregations.

Emigration has also had its effect upon our statistics yet we hope that the truth may thus be carried into regions where it is not now known.

At Kumamoto Bro. Chiga has been even more abundant in labors with a correspondingly increasing influence throughout the city. His out stations occupy all his spare time, requiring the most exacting toil. The church has recently lost by death one of its most faithful attendants, a young man of seventeen years, who gave great promise of useful service in the Church and Sunday School.

The young men of the Epworth League have held regular meetings of interest and profit to themselves and the public in general.

The visit of Mr. Frank D. Brown in the interest of Sunday School work, and whose meetings were all held in our church, was a decided stimulus to the workers of our four Sunday Schools, and resulted in the establishment of a branch organization in the city.

There are two Bible women in connection with this church where there is abundant work to occupy all their time and strength.

Mrs. Davison's work for the young men as well as her women's meetings have been more or less interrupted during the year by reason of necessary absence from the city.

The Church lot and building have been transferred and registered in the Conference Shadan Hojin.

At Kurume Bro. Tsuda has a wife and growing field. The city has a population of some 30,000 and has recently been made the headquarters of one of the Divisions (18th) of the Army.

Though his health has not permitted him to preach at every regular service he has had generous help from others in the church. His membership is steadily growing and his people are greatly interested in securing a lot and church for permanent work. Having been forced out of their former house on account of sale of property and being unable to rent in a suitable locality, one of the members sold some government securities and bought a fine lot containing a house of moderate dimensions which is now being used as parsonage and chapel combined; and while it is really worth a great deal more it is offered to the church at cost price and should be secured at once.

Miss Kinugasa, the Bible woman who formerly resided at Omuta was changed to Kurume where she renders substantial service to the local church and also continues her visits to Yanagawa.

At Omuta and Setaka, the situation is practically unchanged except that the pastor, Bro. Inouye, changed his residence from the latter to the former place and consequently Omuta gets more of his time. Bible study is still a feature of the Christian influence emanating from Dr. Tanaka's hospital at Nakayama. The Sunday School work at Setaka has materially improved while Yanagawa has had a few seals during the year and the same may be said of Omuta. Mrs. Kinoshita, as Bible woman, was transferred from Moji to Omuta and is doing a good work in the Sunday School, for which a new organ has been purchased adding greatly to the interest of all the services of the church.

The Church lot and building have been transferred to the Conference Shadan Hojin and a new fence built on the two sides of the lot.

At Yamaga, Kutami, and Waifu, Bro. Watanabe has had a trying year on account of illness in his family. He reports a goodly number of probationers and enquirers but only three adult and two infant baptisms. It is impossible for this church to do much financially as almost half its members are absent and unheard from. This feature is characteristic of the

country charges in general as so many of the young people leave home soon after being enrolled in the church. From this charge a number were called into the Army and others have emigrated to foreign parts. The Bible woman who formerly resided at Waifu was transferred to Moji leaving no resident worker to care for the Sunday School; as a substitute, however, Miss Kinugasa from Kurume visits the place twice each month. The people are anxious to have an assistant pastor who shall reside there and give them the bulk of his time. Waifu is about eight miles from Yamaga where the pastor resides and in bad weather he cannot always meet his regular engagements on Sunday night. Bro. Watanabe is very anxious to secure an organ for use at Yamaga where he has been fortunate in finding a lady who is willing to play it.

At Yatsushiro Bro. Narita succeeded in finding a much more desirable location to which he removed early in November last, resulting in largely increased congregations. The Sunday School has more than doubled its numbers and this in spite of the fact that Miss Matsunobu, the Bible woman, was obliged to spend several months in the hospital. During her absence, however, Mrs. Kida—a new comer and wife of one of the teachers of English in the Chu Gakko—has been of great service in playing the organ at the regular services of the Church and Sunday School. The District Conference was held at this point, Nov. 4 and 5, when the work of the District was reviewed and the licenses of one Local Preacher and one Exhorter were renewed. Yatsushiro is the second city in size in the Kumamoto Ken and should have more permanent Church accommodations as early as possible.

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## KYUSHU SOUTH DISTRICT.

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F. N. SCOTT, Presiding Elder.

Circumstances beyond our control compelled me to be absent from the District a part of the year. Tho' we lost some of the finest Fall weather for evangelistic work, yet we have managed, by the help of the pastors, to do quite a little since returning.

There is no great change in the situation in South Kyushu. Some, who were absent for a time, say they see on returning an increased willingness on the part of the people to listen to the Gospel, but we who have been here all the time do not notice any difference. Perhaps we, too, need to look at it from another angle.

Saying this about the situation in general does not by any means imply that our work is without signs of encouragement. As compared with some churches in other denominations, we have great reason for gratitude that we have had such a measure of success.

Kokubu is our widest field in point of preaching-places. In fact, it is too wide to be covered by one man, successfully. Bro Ijichi goes regularly to Kajiki, Komura, Shikine, and Kiyomizu, besides preaching twice a Sunday at Kokubu, and holding the weekly prayer-meeting. With such a territory it is impossible to do much more than sow the seed. We are hoping to be able to divide the charge by putting a resident pastor at Kajiki or Shigetomi. For a small church Kokubu has done exceedingly well in the matter of paying for building and improvements. Perhaps no church in this Conference has raised more money, considering their numbers. This church also has the unique distinction of being the first on this District, and so far as we know in Japan, to open their homes to entertain the pastors and workers doing evangelistic work. I consider this a very important step in the evangelization of Japan, and most sincerely hope it will become a permanent thing. Of Sendai we had almost despaired, but determined to make a supreme effort to supplement the lonesome labors of the pastor. About a year ago I began speaking to the students of the Middle School. This I have kept up as well as I could during the year. It is said to have helped to produce a very different attitude toward Christianity on the part of the town. I spoke on Liquor and Tobacco in true orthodox fashion, but will not vouch for the hearty acceptance of my teaching by the teachers assembled on the platform. However, I was speaking to students.

Bro. Nakamura went twice to Sendai during the year, once to hold a Quarterly Conference, and once to do evangelistic work. At another time four of us spent four days on the same kind of work. There have been several baptisms, and the prospect of others. At Kushikino there is a large number of very intelligent inquirers, and some of the brightest Sunday

school children we have seen in Japan. All signs point to a good work there. As Brother Eguchi plans to go to school, we hope a competent man will be found to take up the work at this important and hopeful point to which he has brought it.

Kagoshima shows a healthy growth. The church is hoping to increase the self-support quite materially, and in other ways is taking on signs of permanency. With the help of the Missionaries and a friend in Los Angeles, they have purchased a fine "Estey" organ, which adds much to the attractiveness of the services. Brother Nakamura stands high in the estimation of all denominations, and his cultured wife is equally acceptable among the women. She is President of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Our W. F. M. S. ladies were compelled to move to the very outskirts of the city in the early summer, greatly to the detriment of their work. However, they opened their house for church, for Sunday school, and preaching, the latter being unusually well attended, and were thus able to reach a part of the city hitherto neglected. They have now found a suitable house in a desirable location, but hope to be able to keep up the work begun this year.

While I was absent in America Mrs. Scott started a Sunday-school in our house, and even before I returned she was having an average attendance of about a hundred. There are now about 150 on the roll, but the attendance is as yet spasmodic. We have rented a house in this neighborhood, and opened it as a preaching-place; to this we have transferred the Sunday-school, and we think we see in it the nucleus for a new church in the near future. Brother Nakamura's latest plan is to sell our Ogawa-cho property, and, having moved the present church uptown to accommodate the new church that is to be, build a fine church large enough for the increasing congregation. The property we propose to sell was the original site of the church, and when we vacated it, was almost worthless. It is now worth 3,000 yen.

This will probably be our farewell to Okinawa as a part of this District. I had intended to go there early in January, but waited till Brother Schwartz arrived, and we went together. The number of baptisms is an increase over last year, and the work is most encouraging. I went with Brother Schwartz especially to help in the matter of selecting

a site for the new Missionary residence. I came back after a short stay, but Brother Schwartz remained long enough to close a bargain on a most desirable location. The Governor was very kind to us, and materially assisted in the matter in hand, offering to go himself and show us some public land that was for sale. The house will be built this Summer, and Bro. Schwartz will take his family there in the Fall. Thus begins this new work in a group of islands that may almost be said to be without a religion. God speed the venture, and God bless the unselfishness and sacrifice of Brother and Sister Schwartz, without whose efforts, both in Japan and America, it would never have been accomplished.

The Quarterly Conference was well attended, one class leader having walked 17 miles to report his class, and to ask that they be organized into a church, and given a pastor. After I left, Bro. Schwartz went to this village, and baptized 13 persons. This makes a total of 25 in this village, and it looks as if the whole community would become Christian, tho' the first convert's relatives even, thought he was crazy when he gave up his position as Principal of Schools to study for the ministry. His wife stood by him, and said she could raise enough sweet potatoes to live on while he was in school. He finishes his school-work this year, and goes into the work. We look for great results from his ministry. Loo Choo has great possibilities, and Bro. Schwartz is to be congratulated on his opportunity.

On the whole, the work of our pastors has been, not only faithful, but intelligent, and when one considers what some of them have to battle against, they deserve the highest commendation. We thank God that they have all been well during the year. Last Summer a boy was born to Brother and Sister Nakamura, and this Winter a little girl came to the parsonage in Kokubu. May they bring great blessing to their parents, always! We are also grateful that Brother Murai's health is so far recovered that he will be able to remain in Okinawa.

I close this my second report with an earnest request to all to "pray the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers." We must have men; let us go to the proper source for them, and they will be forthcoming.

Kagoshima, April, 1907.

## KYUSHU NORTH DISTRICT.

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K. KOSAKA, Presiding Elder.

The northern part of Kyushu Island is one of the greatest coal producing districts in Japan. Its close geographical relation to Korea and Manchuria has made possible the recent development in commerce and manufacture. There are only two or three self-governed cities in a ten miles extent, but there are two other cities which will be soon self-governed. The evangelistic work, therefore, must be aggressively carried on. In the last conference a part of the western district was cut off and added to the northern district. This was done at an opportune time, so far as the evangelistic work is concerned.

The report of baptisms and self-support during the past year will be given by the pastors. I can say, however, that there is progress in these items. Mr. Otake was appointed for the first time to Naokata circuit last year. There are three places in the circuit, Uyeki, Naokata and Kiyanoze. They are only a mile apart and Naokata is between the other two. Among the seekers at Naokata there is a teacher and an editor and the work is very hopeful.

Wakamatsu church is a strong church. The members are rich in Christian experience. The financial difficulty of many years standing was removed. The church gate and fence have been newly made. From the outside it looks very nice. Mr. Harada has been working among the young men, some of whom have become seekers.

Kokura and Moji churches are directly under my care. We have worship on Sunday, Bible class on Monday and Prayer meeting on Wednesday. All are good meetings. Moji is a new city and it is visited by many people from other parts of the empire. There were many additions to the membership in Moji. Kokura church is of one our oldest churches, but it has not been a strong church. Recently it has made progress. Financially it is a good church as many of its members are professional men.

Fukuoka church was added to the northern district from the western. It is the chief church in the district. There is a girl's school here and there is a resident missionary also in Fukuoka. It is a well-equipped church. The church edifice is in the centre of the city and is used for the union services of the churches in the city. The building is too small.

We need a building that will hold over a thousand people. Under the care of Miss Seeds and Miss Finlay the girls' school is prosperous. The school has a healthy religious influence upon the girls. The English Bible class of Mr. Fretz is quite beneficial to the evangelistic work. Hakata church was united with Fukuoka church and Mr. Kawase preaches there every Friday.

I am thankful for the results of the Northern District Conference and for the special evangelistic meetings held in Fukuoka.

In this district there are six Bible women. They work under the direction of Miss Seeds and they are an important factor in the religious work of the district. The growth of the Sunday Schools has come about chiefly through their effort.

There are other preaching places at Yawata Iron Factory, Iizuka, Kurosaki, Orio and Akama, but as there are not enough workers we can not extend our work. It is our duty to pray the Master to send out more workers in this pasture.

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### KYUSHU WEST DISTRICT.

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J. C. DAVISON, Acting Presiding Elder.

At our last Annual Session this district lost its two northerly appointments, Fukuoka and Kurume, leaving only the two self-supporting churches in Nagasaki and the church at Omura. There are, however, the three mission stations of Bungo-machi, Akunoura and Fukahori, which, by resolution adopted at the District Conference, Bishop Harris is asked to combine and form a new circuit to be known as the Bungo-machi circuit. The district is capable of further extension by occupying other points within its bounds, but for want of men and money this has hitherto been impossible.

At Omura in addition to Dr Sasamori's fortnightly visits the intervening Sabbaths have been supplied by one of the theological students from the Chinzei Gakuin, thus affording regular weekly preaching in the town. The want of suitable accommodations is, however, a great drawback to the work, yet seven adults have been baptized as against four last year.



One Bible woman is employed who resides near the Kwassui Jo-En which institution, under the direction of Miss Russell, is becoming an established feature of the life of Omura. Not only are the physical wants of the inmates of the Home provided for but their intellectual and religious needs are also duly emphasized. It is indeed refreshing to hear these little ones sing the songs of the church. Dr. and Mrs. Sasamori have had the Christian sympathy of the people of his church and other friends in the loss of their youngest child, the death of the Dr.'s father and other family affliction.

At Central Church, Nagasaki, Bro. Nakayama has had a good year both financially and religiously. His people have not only loyally kept their pledge of Yen 35 per month but have actually paid him Yen 40, which sum now becomes their pledge for the coming year. In addition also to their ordinary current and other benevolent expenses they have had a new item of some 24 yen as taxes on the church lot which has recently become the property of the Shadan Hojin. Though not himself in robust health for his work the pastor is yet to be congratulated on the growing spiritual condition of his people. A marked improvement has been manifest in the Sunday School and church congregations during the year. The pastor has also continued his assistance in the theological work at Chinzei Gakuin. The Sunday School loses one of its workers through the return of Mrs. Rigby to the United States. Though most of the special lectures for the year have been held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall near by, yet Central Church has not been without a share in this patronage.

At Wesley Church, Nagasaki, Bro. Kawashima has done heroic service; in fact, his regular church duties combined with his work in the School have been greatly in excess of his time and strength. He has, however, full reason to rejoice in a year of highly encouraging results. Sixty-nine adults have been baptized, and as a result of special religious effort in the schools he reports sixty-two probationers, and fifty enquirers. An exceptional number of letters of transfer to other churches have been granted this year. The Sunday Schools on this charge have been unusually well sustained. The teaching force of the main school has been strengthened by the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Heicher and the Rev. W. de L. Kingsbury as reinforcements to the staff of teachers in the Chinzei Gakuin, made necessary by the rapid growth of the school, the impaired health of Dr. Fulkerson, and the early return of the Rev. A. E. Rigby to the United States for a much needed rest.

The president and faculty of Chinzei Gakuin are to be highly congratulated on the completion of the new building which was duly dedicated in the late fall. The school grounds have also been much improved at no small outlay, but the funds to provide for enlarged chapel facilities being still inadequate the completion of this enterprise will require more time.

Kwassui Jo Gakko is as usual still crowded to its limit and a year of successful work has been accomplished. A gracious religious awakening resulted in the conversion of a goodly number of the students. All the teachers have had their hands more than full and one subtraction from their working force needs to be noted, that of Miss Davison, the director of the musical department, who was married in January to Prof. Smart of the Soochow University, Soochow, China, where she is now located, but where she is still a missionary, and a Methodist, and where it is certain that such talent as she possesses in music will be employed to the glory of God and the good of his church.

At our District Conference, held in Wesley Church on March 18th, the licences of five local preachers and seven exhorters were removed, five exhorters were licensed to preach and six candidates were recommended for admission on trial in the Annual Conference. A resolution was adopted requesting the presiding Bishop to appoint a resident Presiding Elder for the District, which action meets with the hearty approval of the present incumbent who wishes hereby to express his thanks to all the workers for their courteous treatment and kind forbearance in all shortcomings of his administration. And he prays that in the future much more than in the past the work now inaugurated may spread and take deeper hold on the lives of the people within the bounds of the District, and especially in this city of historic interest, which through so many years was a storm centre of persecution, but where the banner of the Church of Christ, once so ignominiously trampled under foot, has again been unfurled to the breeze of a religiously free land, which we trust will even so continue till the entire nation shall have been redeemed and Christ shall come in his glory to claim the final victory wrought through faith in His Name.

Nagasaki, April 19th, 1907.

## RESOLUTIONS.

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Whereas, Bishop Earl Cranston comes to Japan to preside over our Conference for the second time, also as Chairman of the Joint Commission on Methodist Union in Japan and senior deputy from the Methodist Episcopal Church to assist in organizing the Nippon Methodist Kyokwai;

Therefore, Resolved that we express our deep satisfaction at his coming to represent the mother church at this critical time, and at his joint presidency with Bishop Harris in this session. Further, that we express our entire confidence in him as a wise administrator for this important time and pray God to grant him health and strength for the completion of this great work.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Conference be tendered to Bishop M. C. Harris for his unfailing interest in Japan and the Japanese as manifested not only in presiding over the Conference but also in his every day life and work.

Further, that we thank the pastors, the members and officers of Wesley Church, the ladies of Kwassui Jo Gakko and other friends who have so kindly entertained us during Conference.

Whereas, the Conference has been honored with the presence of Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, and Mrs. Foss, President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and their special representative in Japan and Korea at this time, and whereas we have seen and felt their great interest in and sympathy with our work,

Resolved, that we thank them for their presence and help, and pray God to grant them many more useful years.

Whereas, we have been deeply impressed with the Conference sermon delivered by Dr. J. F. Goucher and with his inspiring address to the Conference and with his special interest in Japan and our work here, and

Whereas, we have been honored by the presence of the Honorable Earl Cranston, United States District Attorney, Denver, Colorado, and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Arter of Cleveland, Ohio, distinguished laymen of our Church,

Resolved, that we express our sincere thanks to Dr. Goucher and our deep appreciation of his continued interest in Japan during the past 25 years,

That we thank Mr. Cranston and Mr. and Mrs. Arter for their presence and for the kindly feeling they have shown.

Resolved, that we express our appreciation of the long and faithful service of Dr. E. R. Fulkerson, and cordially commend him to the confidence of the churches in America, as Financial Agent of Chinzei College.

That we welcome among us our new workers, Professors M. K. W. Heicher and W. de L. Kingsbury, and pray for their best success.

That we recognize the efficient and faithful service of the Rev. A. E. Rigby, as Professor in Chinzei Gakuin, and wish him a good furlough and a speedy return,

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

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1.—We recommend that Atsuo Eguchi be left without appointment to attend Aoyama Theological School.

2.—We recommend that T. Otake's case be referred to a special Committee under Paragraph 228 of the Discipline, to consider whether he should not be requested to locate.

K. KOSAKA, K. MURAI,  
F. N. SCOTT, H. B. SCHWARTZ.

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#### COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCES.

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We are pleased to see some increase in benevolences this year. We cannot, however, be satisfied with the present rate of increase. We advise that a special effort be made next year to make a still greater increase.

T. CHIGA,  
T. NAKAMURA,  
E. H. FRETZ.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUMMER INSTITUTE.

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TO THE SOUTH JAPAN CONFERENCE.

BRETHREN:—

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of a summer institute beg leave to report as follows:—

After careful consideration, we believe the following plan is feasible.

1st.—We should hold such an institute in Nagasaki the middle of next August, for a period of two weeks. Said institute should be arranged for by a committee, for which we nominate Dr. Sasamori, Chairman, the Presiding Elder of the Western district, the pastors of our Churches in Nagasaki, and Brothers Kingsbury, Heicher, Suganuma, Tagawa and Okumura.

2nd.—The Institute should consist of the following:—

Forenoon: - Round tables and classes.

Afternoon:—Recreation.

Evening:—Lectures and Concerts.

3rd.—The expenses of the institute should be met by

(a.) Private subscriptions.

(b.) Church Contributions.

(c.) Evening Concert and Lecture Admissions.

(d.) Fees of attending pastors.

4th.—The visiting pastors, so desiring, could live in the dormitory of Chinzei Gakuin while attending the institute, and the morning sessions could be held in the college class rooms. The evening concerts and lectures should be given in the Y.M.C.A. Hall.

U. SASAMORI, Chairman.

W. DE L. KINGSBURY, Sec.

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## AUDITING COMMITTEE.

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We have audited the Treasurer's accounts and found them correct.

K. KAWASE,

F. N. SCOTT,

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION.

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We recommend :—

1.—That Yosuke Iwakiri, Taichiro Inouye, Keisuke Okayasu and Matsuo Nohara be admitted into the Conference as probationers.

2.—That—Kido remain as a Local Preacher and attend the Theological School at Aoyama.

3.—That—Mimura remain as a Local Preacher and attend the Theological School of Kwansei Gakuin.

4.—That—Fujioka be appointed as a supply at this Conference but be received as a probationer in the Japan Conference at its coming session and be thereupon immediately transferred to this Conference.

C. NAKAYAMA, U. SASAMORI, K. KOSAKA,  
E. H. FRETZ, T. NAKAMURA, A. D. BERRY.

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SELF SUPPORT.

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1.—We feel that the responsibility for increasing the interest in self-support lies with the presiding elders and pastors themselves, and that the matter of self-support should be presented at each quarterly conference.

2.—We recommend that all increase in self-support should be equally divided between the pastor's salary and the mission fund, so that the mission grant shall be decreased by half the amount of the increase in self-support and the pastor's salary increased by a like amount, and that the salary for the ensuing year be continued in the same ratio.

C. NAKAYAMA.  
T. TSUDA.  
S. KAWASHIMA,  
H. B. SCHWARTZ.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CHRISTIAN LITERATURE.

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Japan shows no signs of abating her interest in Education. She believes in the adage "after battle, tighten your armor." The victories she has won have only increased the zeal with which her young men are pursuing the course of education in the various government schools and this interest is shared by our Christian schools, which have never had a more prosperous year.

This prosperity has also extended to the schools of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, which have had the best year in their history.

The religious interest in all our schools has felt the influence of the interest in religion which has been general in the nation.

We feel that the Gokyo (Christian Advocate), while somewhat improved during the past year, shows room for further improvement. Improvement of the paper and extension of its subscription list go hand in hand, and a systematic effort should be made to increase its circulation. We strongly urge our pastors to attempt this and also to get Christian literature into the homes of our people.

We have considered and heartily approve the reports of the President and Dean of Chinzei College, which are herewith presented.

As we are expected to patronize the Theological School at Aoyama and also the one at Kobe, we should be pleased to receive reports from them to this Conference.

U. SASAMORI, H. B. SCHWARTZ,  
K. KAWASE, E. R. FULKERSON,

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### CHINZEI GAKUIN.

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Though we have reported a steady growth in the school for several years, the past year will perhaps go down in history as the greatest in the history of the school. The total enrollment was about 400 and the average attendance much higher than the previous year.

#### TEACHING FORCE.

In view of the demands made by the Educational Department in our application for Government recognition, our constant aim has been to

secure as many licensed teachers as possible. In doing this we have also kept in view the importance of securing Christian teachers as rapidly as possible. It is not always possible to do this in every department and at the same time maintain a high standard of scholarship. We would emphasize the fact that the religious life of all our Christian schools should be carefully guarded. It is our purpose to select as rapidly as possible teachers of undoubted intellectual and spiritual strength.

#### IMPROVEMENTS.

The new administration Building was completed in time for the opening of the school in September. It is a model of beauty and convenience, being heated throughout with hot air. Considerable has been added in the way of apparatus during the year. The grounds have been greatly improved by the building of brick walls and closets. Some of the rooms in the old building have been repaired and are now being used for students.

#### RELIGIOUS LIFE.

The religious life of the school has been strong and steady ; 38 of our students received baptism during the year. The student prayer meetings were well attended, and the special meetings reached, to some extent, the day students.

#### NEEDS.

Like all growing institutions, our needs are almost unlimited. In view of our relation to the vast population of Kiushu, we must prepare for greater things. Being, with one exception, the only Christian school for boys south of Kobe, our future is full of promise. In view of the great movement among students in Japan, we cannot permit Christian education to take a secondary place in the educational system of Japan. To a great extent the thinking men of Japan within the next twenty years will be reached through the schools and colleges. We must go forward, or fail to follow where the Master is clearly leading us. Our first great need is a new Chapel. We must also face the question of more land adjoining our present plant.

At the last Commencement 24 were graduated from all departments. In view of the fact that the Methodist Church of Japan will settle the question of theological training for itself, this department of our work closed with the last school year.

Nagasaki, April 12th, 1907.

U. SASAMORI, President.

E. R. FULKERSON, Dean of the College  
and Principal of the Academy.



## REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

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Your Committee respectfully report as follows :—

### I. RESOURCES :—

|                                            | Yen.   |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|
| Balance from last year ... ..              | 140.24 |
| Collections from Churches ... ..           | 7.20   |
| Collections from Conference Members ... .. | 72.00  |
| Book Concern Dividend... ..                | 414.00 |
| Total... ..                                | 633.44 |

### II. SUMS GRANTED FROM THE ABOVE :—

|                                          |        |
|------------------------------------------|--------|
| For Mrs. Nagano, 16 yen per month ... .. | 192.00 |
| „ „ Matsumoto, 16 yen per month ... ..   | 192.00 |
| „ „ Kimura—gift ... ..                   | 24.00  |
| „ T. Oho „ ... ..                        | 30.00  |
| „ Y. Tsuda „ ... ..                      | 20.00  |
| „ S. Watanabe „ ... ..                   | 20.00  |
| Total... ..                              | 478.00 |
| Balance ... ..                           | 155.44 |

Respectfully submitted,

C. NAKAYAMA, K. KOSAKA, K. IJICHI, J. C. DAVISON.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

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We have examined the District Conference Records. There is nothing in them which is contrary to the Discipline of the M. E. Church.

K. ICHICHI. T. Otake.

BISHOP CRANSTON asks that the following transfers be recorded, to take effect from June 7, 1907, the date of adjournment of the First General Conference of the Japan Methodist Church. The transfer of all the Missionaries to a home Conference is in harmony with the Basis of Union adopted by the Commissioners of the three uniting bodies in Japan: The Methodist Episcopal Church; The Methodist Episcopal Church South; and The Methodist Church, Canada.

*The following Elders in full connection were transferred:*

Arthur D. Berry, Newark Conference.  
 John C. Davison, Newark Conference.  
 Edwin H. Fretz, Southern California Conference.  
 Epperson R. Fulkerson, Nebraska Conference.  
 Johan Johanson, Foochow Conference.  
 Willard de L. Kingsbury, California Conference.  
 Arch. E. Rigby, Korea Mission Conference.  
 Henry B. Schwartz, New England Conference.  
 Francis N. Scott, Northern Minnesota Conference.  
 John F. Wilson, Foochow Conference.  
 Seimei Yoshioka, Puget Sound Conference.

*The following are Probationers:*

Ten San Si, Yang Teh Yuin, Probationers in Second Year Studies, to Foochow Conference.  
 John R. Trindle, Probationer in Third Year Studies, to Foochow Conference.

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### PUBLISHING JAPANESE MINUTES.

#### RECEIVED:—

|                                |     |     |     |     |     |       |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| From Mission...                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10.00 |
| From Church ...                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8.00  |
| From Conference collection ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .97   |
| Total ...                      |     |     |     |     |     | 18.97 |

#### EXPENSES:—

|                     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Printing ...        | —   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12.00 |
| Printing Statistics | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6.00  |
| Postage...          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .76   |
| Postal Cards        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .21   |
| Total ...           |     |     |     |     |     | 18.97 |

S. KAWASHIMA.

## GOKYO REPORT.

1906 (JANUARY—DECEMBER).

### INCOME :—

|                            | Yen.             |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Balance in Hand ... ..     | 114.122          |
| From Subscriptions ... ..  | 861.885          |
| From Advertisements ... .. | 121.110          |
| From Interest ... ..       | 17.140           |
| Subsidy ... ..             | 1,008.000        |
| Total ... ..               | <u>2,125.257</u> |

### EXPENDITURE :—

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Printing ... ..         | 856.800          |
| Postage ... ..          | 285.220          |
| Business Expenses... .. | 200.227          |
| Editorial... ..         | 679.675          |
| Balance in Hand ... ..  | 103.335          |
| Total ... ..            | <u>2,125.257</u> |

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|-------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Printed copies to the end of December, 1906 ... | 880 |
| Copies distributed ... ..                       | 874 |
| Paid Subscriptions... ..                        | 710 |
| Copies sold at Book-stores ... ..               | 21  |
| Complimentary Copies and Exchanges ... ..       | 109 |
| Temporary Complimentary Copies ... ..           | 34  |

Compared with the former year increased—

20 in Printing Copies.

30 Paid Subscriptions.

8 in Copies sold at Book-stores.

M. TAKAYAKI,  
Editor and Manager.

## MISSIONS.

### REDISTRIBUTION OF MISSION FUNDS.

|                                                            |          | Yen.     |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Total Mission Grant ... ..                                 |          | 7,000.00 |
| Rents—January to April...                                  | 468.50   |          |
| Salaries ... ..                                            | 1,763.20 | 2,231.70 |
|                                                            |          | <hr/>    |
| Balance of Grant for 8 months                              |          | 4,768.30 |
| Special Gift : E.R.F. ... ..                               | 172      |          |
| "       "   H.B.S. ... ..                                  | 200      | 372.00   |
| Self-support ... ..                                        |          | 692.00   |
|                                                            |          | <hr/>    |
|                                                            |          | 5,832.30 |
| Less C. Inouye ... ..                                      | 100      |          |
| " Conference Travel ... ..                                 | 47       |          |
| " Estimated Rent ... ..                                    | 45       | 192.00   |
|                                                            |          | <hr/>    |
| Available for Salaries and Rents—May to<br>December ... .. |          | 5,640.30 |

### REDISTRIBUTION.—MAY TO DECEMBER.

| Appointment.                 | Salary. | Rent.  | Self<br>Support. |
|------------------------------|---------|--------|------------------|
| Moji, Kokura and Koga ... .. | 48.50   | 15.00  | 5.70             |
| Wakamatsu ... ..             | 27.50   | 8.00   | 5.40             |
| Fukuoka and Hakata ... ..    | 38.50   |        | 20.00            |
| Koyanose and Nogata ... ..   | 32.50   | 8.00   | 2.00             |
| Kurume ... ..                | 35.50   | 9.00   | 2.00             |
| Omuta and Setaka ... ..      | 27.50   | 10.00  | 6.50             |
| Yamaga and Waifu... ..       | 35.50   | 8.00   | 2.35             |
| Kumamoto... ..               | 38.50   | 5.00   | 10.00            |
| Yatsushiro... ..             | 32.50   | 7.00   | 1.15             |
| Sendai ... ..                | 33.50   | 10.00  | 1.50             |
| Kagoshima ... ..             | 38.50   |        | 14.00            |
| Kokubu ... ..                | 27.50   | 1.00   | 2.00             |
| Naha ... ..                  | 40.50   | 15.00  | 11.00            |
| Shuri ... ..                 | 27.50   | 8.00   | —                |
| Yontanzan ... ..             | 18.50   | 2.50   | —                |
| Nago ... ..                  | 18.50   | 3.00   | —                |
| Nagasaki :—Central... ..     | —       | —      | —                |
| "       Wesley ... ..        | —       | —      | —                |
| "       Bungo-machi ... ..   | 5.00    | 16.00  | —                |
| Omura ... ..                 | 43.50   | 10.00  | 3.00             |
|                              |         | <hr/>  | <hr/>            |
| Totals... ..                 | 569.50  | 135.50 | 86.60            |



**STATISTICS.**

| NAME OF CHARGE.    |                           | NAME OF PASTOR. |      | PASTOR'S SUPPORT. |             |        |           |             |        |                                |              |              |                                                           | CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS. |                |        | CURRENT EXPENSES.                 |                                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------|-------------------|-------------|--------|-----------|-------------|--------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                    |                           |                 |      | CLAIMS.           |             |        | RECEIPTS. |             |        | SUPPORT OF PRESID- ING ELDERS. |              |              |                                                           |                       |                |        |                                   |                                           |
|                    |                           |                 |      | Salary.           | House Rent. | Total. | Salary.   | House Rent. | Total. | Deficiencies.                  | Amount Paid. | Amount Paid. | Total Support: Pastors, an Presiding Elders, and Bishops. | Collec- tions.        | Other Sources. | Total. | Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc. | Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc. |
| Northern District. | 1. Nogata and Uyeki...    | 9.90            |      | 9.90              | 9.90        |        | 9.90      |             | 9.90   | 50                             | 10.40        | 50           | 3.00                                                      | 3.50                  | 5.00           |        |                                   |                                           |
|                    | 2. Wakamat-su .....       | 61.20           |      | 61.20             | 61.20       |        | 61.20     |             | 61.20  | 50                             | 63.70        |              | 3.00                                                      | 3.00                  | 50.47          |        |                                   |                                           |
|                    | 3. Moji and Kokura...     | 66.00           |      | 66.00             | 66.00       |        | 66.00     |             | 66.00  | 50                             | 68.70        |              | 6.00                                                      | 6.00                  | 58.50          | 8.50   |                                   |                                           |
|                    | 4. Fukuoka & Hakata ..... | 213.60          |      | 213.60            | 213.60      |        | 213.60    |             | 213.60 | 2.00                           | 222.40       | 1.50         | 9.00                                                      | 10.50                 | 61.41          | 33.14  |                                   |                                           |
|                    |                           | 350.70          |      | 350.70            | 350.70      |        | 350.70    |             | 350.70 | 3.50                           | 365.20       | 2.00         | 21.00                                                     | 23.00                 | 175.38         | 41.64  |                                   |                                           |
| Western District.  | 5. Wesley (Nagasaki) ..   | 440.15          |      | 440.15            | 397.97      |        | 397.97    | 42.18       | 4.05   | 2.75                           | 404.77       |              | 12.00                                                     | 12.00                 | 50.00          | 65.00  |                                   |                                           |
|                    | 6. Central (Nagasaki) ..  | 480.00          |      | 480.00            | 480.00      |        | 480.00    |             | 50     | 50                             | 481.00       | 50           | 3.00                                                      | 3.50                  | 75.70          | 25.00  |                                   |                                           |
|                    | 7. Omura.....             | 36.00           |      | 36.00             | 36.00       |        | 36.00     |             | 50     | 50                             | 37.00        |              | 3.00                                                      | 3.00                  | 6.92           |        |                                   |                                           |
|                    |                           | 956.15          |      | 956.15            | 913.97      |        | 913.97    | 42.18       | 5.05   | 3.75                           | 922.77       | 50           | 18.00                                                     | 18.50                 | 132.62         | 90.00  |                                   |                                           |
| Central District.  | 8. Kurume .....           | 18.00           | 4.50 | 22.50             | 18.00       | 4.50   | 22.50     |             | 60     | 50                             | 23.60        |              | 3.00                                                      | 3.00                  | 12.49          | 4.50   |                                   |                                           |
|                    | 9. Omuta & Setaka ..      | 78.00           |      | 78.00             | 78.00       |        | 78.00     |             | 2.56   | 50                             | 81.06        | 25           |                                                           | 25                    | 15.76          | 6.52   |                                   |                                           |
|                    | 10. Kutani & Waifu ...    | 28.20           |      | 28.20             | 28.20       |        | 28.20     |             | 1.08   | 40                             | 29.68        | 15           | 3.00                                                      | 3.15                  | 4.68           | 2.50   |                                   |                                           |
|                    | 11. Kumamoto.....         | 120.00          |      | 120.00            | 120.00      |        | 120.00    |             | 3.92   | 1.20                           | 125.12       |              | 6.00                                                      | 6.00                  | 48.99          | 40.26  |                                   |                                           |
|                    | 12. Yatsushiro .....      | 13.80           |      | 13.80             | 13.80       |        | 13.80     |             | 40     | 30                             | 14.50        | 20           |                                                           | 20                    | 4.58           | 7.00   |                                   |                                           |
|                    |                           | 258.00          | 4.50 | 262.50            | 258.00      | 4.50   | 262.50    |             | 8.56   | 2.90                           | 273.96       | 60           | 12.00                                                     | 12.60                 | 86.50          | 60.78  |                                   |                                           |
| Southern District. | 13. Kagoshima.....        | 156.00          |      | 156.00            | 156.00      |        | 156.00    |             | 4.87   | 80                             | 161.67       | 85           | 9.00                                                      | 9.85                  | 128.00         |        |                                   |                                           |
|                    | 14. Kokubu & Kajiki...    | 24.00           |      | 24.00             | 24.00       |        | 24.00     |             | 66     |                                | 24.66        |              | 3.00                                                      | 3.00                  | 49.02          |        |                                   |                                           |
|                    | 15. Sendai .....          | 18.00           |      | 18.00             | 18.00       |        | 18.00     |             | 36     |                                | 18.36        | 25           | 3.00                                                      | 3.25                  | 7.80           |        |                                   |                                           |
|                    | 16. Okinawa (Loo Choo)    | 72.00           |      | 72.00             | 72.00       |        | 72.00     |             | 2.40   | 20                             | 74.60        | 3.00         | 6.00                                                      | 9.00                  | 24.00          | 6.00   |                                   |                                           |
|                    |                           | 270.00          |      | 270.00            | 270.00      |        | 270.00    |             | 8.29   | 1.00                           | 279.29       | 4.10         | 21.00                                                     | 25.10                 | 208.82         | 6.00   |                                   |                                           |
| Total 1907 .....   |                           | 1,834.85        | 4.50 | 1,839.35          | 1,834.85    |        | 1,797.17  | 42.18       | 32.90  | 11.15                          | 1,841.22     | 7.20         | 72.00                                                     | 79.20                 | 603.32         | 198.42 |                                   |                                           |
| " 1906 .....       |                           | 1,816.20        |      | 1,816.20          |             |        | 1,816.20  |             | 19.92  | 11.85                          | 1,847.97     | 15.09        | 66.50                                                     | 81.59                 | 555.02         | 123.98 |                                   |                                           |
| Gain .....         |                           | 18.65           |      | 23.15             |             |        |           |             | 12.98  |                                |              |              | 5.50                                                      |                       | 48.30          | 74.44  |                                   |                                           |
| Loss.....          |                           |                 |      |                   |             |        | 19.03     |             |        | 70                             | 6.75         | 7.89         |                                                           | 2.39                  |                |        |                                   |                                           |

# SOUTH JAPAN MISSION CONFERENCE FOR 1907.

| NAME OF CHARGE.                                                                                                                     | CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.  |                      |                         |                | BAPTISMS.                 |                         |                 | SUNDAY SCHOOLS.               |                  |                  | CHURCH PROPERTY. |                    |                 |                                                          |                                              |                                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                     | No of Probationers. | No. of Full Members. | No. of Local Preachers. | No. of Deaths. | No. of Children Baptized. | No. of Adults Baptized. | No. of Schools. | No. of Officers and Teachers. | No. of Scholars. | No. of Churches. | Probable Value.  | No. of Parsonages. | Probable Value. | Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages. | Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property. | Present indebtedness on Church Property. |
| Northern District.<br>1 Nogata and Uyeki ...<br>2 Wakamatsu .....<br>3 Moji and Kokura .....<br>4 Fukuoka and Hakata.               |                     | 12                   | —                       | —              | 1                         | 1                       | —               | —                             | —                | —                | —                | —                  | —               | —                                                        | —                                            | —                                        |
|                                                                                                                                     | 2                   | 45                   | —                       | 3              | 3                         | 4                       | 2               | 3                             | 100              | 1                | 2,000.00         | 1                  | 100.00          | 150.00                                                   | —                                            | —                                        |
|                                                                                                                                     | 7                   | 43                   | —                       | —              | —                         | 7                       | 4               | 2                             | 130              | 1                | 3,200.00         | 1                  | 600.00          | 52.00                                                    | —                                            | —                                        |
|                                                                                                                                     | 34                  | 220                  | —                       | 2              | 1                         | 34                      | 2               | 13                            | 950              | 1                | 4,000.00         | 1                  | 1,500.00        | —                                                        | —                                            | —                                        |
|                                                                                                                                     | 43                  | 320                  | —                       | 5              | 5                         | 46                      | 8               | 18                            | 1,180            | 3                | 9,200.00         | 3                  | 2,700.00        | 202.00                                                   | —                                            | —                                        |
| Western District.<br>5 Wesley Church.....<br>6 Central .....<br>7 Omura .....                                                       | 54                  | 313                  | 6                       | 3              | —                         | 69                      | 2               | 68                            | 880              | 1                | 10,000.00        | 1                  | 1,200.00        | —                                                        | —                                            | —                                        |
|                                                                                                                                     | 31                  | 105                  | 2                       | —              | 1                         | 14                      | 1               | 11                            | 80               | 1                | 10,000.00        | 1                  | 1,500.00        | 50.00                                                    | —                                            | 40.00                                    |
|                                                                                                                                     | 7                   | 44                   | —                       | —              | —                         | 7                       | 2               | 2                             | 60               | —                | —                | —                  | —               | —                                                        | —                                            | —                                        |
|                                                                                                                                     | 92                  | 462                  | 8                       | 3              | 1                         | 90                      | 5               | 81                            | 1,020            | 2                | 20,000.00        | 2                  | 2,700.00        | 50.00                                                    | —                                            | 40.00                                    |
|                                                                                                                                     | 15                  | 41                   | —                       | 1              | —                         | 11                      | 1               | 3                             | 58               | —                | —                | —                  | —               | 17.00                                                    | —                                            | —                                        |
| Central District.<br>8 Kurume .....<br>9 Omata and Setaka ...<br>10 Kutami and Waifu ...<br>11 Kumamoto.....<br>12 Yatsushiro ..... | 3                   | 63                   | 1                       | 2              | —                         | 6                       | 3               | 3                             | 75               | 1                | 1,800.00         | —                  | —               | 51.50                                                    | —                                            | —                                        |
|                                                                                                                                     | 25                  | 26                   | —                       | 1              | 2                         | 3                       | 3               | 3                             | 49               | —                | —                | —                  | —               | —                                                        | —                                            | —                                        |
|                                                                                                                                     | 34                  | 101                  | —                       | 2              | 3                         | 14                      | 4               | 6                             | 146              | 1                | 5,600.00         | 1                  | 1,500.00        | —                                                        | 8.00                                         | —                                        |
|                                                                                                                                     | 4                   | 26                   | 1                       | 1              | —                         | 3                       | 1               | 5                             | 63               | —                | —                | —                  | —               | —                                                        | —                                            | —                                        |
|                                                                                                                                     | 81                  | 257                  | 2                       | 7              | 5                         | 37                      | 12              | 20                            | 391              | 2                | 7,400.00         | 1                  | 1,500.00        | 68.50                                                    | 8.00                                         | —                                        |
| Southern District.<br>13 Kagoshima.....<br>14 Kokubu and Kajiki...<br>15 Sendai.....<br>16 Okinawa (Loo Choo)                       | 34                  | 86                   | —                       | 1              | —                         | 20                      | 6               | 15                            | 250              | 1                | 3,500.00         | 1                  | 1,000.00        | —                                                        | 7.00                                         | —                                        |
|                                                                                                                                     | 5                   | 25                   | —                       | —              | —                         | 3                       | 2               | 3                             | 60               | 1                | 1,000.00         | 1                  | 300.00          | —                                                        | —                                            | —                                        |
|                                                                                                                                     | 5                   | 10                   | —                       | —              | —                         | 5                       | 3               | 2                             | 46               | —                | —                | —                  | —               | —                                                        | —                                            | —                                        |
|                                                                                                                                     | 50                  | 38                   | —                       | 8              | 4                         | 30                      | 1               | 6                             | 100              | —                | —                | —                  | —               | —                                                        | —                                            | —                                        |
|                                                                                                                                     | 94                  | 159                  | —                       | 9              | 4                         | 58                      | 12              | 26                            | 456              | 2                | 4,500.00         | 2                  | 1,300.00        | —                                                        | 7.00                                         | —                                        |



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